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SHUT CAR PARK 'HITTING TRADE'

BY CHARLOTTE CALLEAR

THE closure of Cannock's main multi-storey car park is having a damaging impact on businesses, it is feared.

Traders at Cannock Shopping Centre have hit out over the indefinite closure of the car park on Ringway for safety reasons.

They fear they could lose out if it is not reopened in time for Christmas.

They say footfall has decreased in the two months that the car park, owned by St Modwen, has been shut because there is not sufficient alternative parking for customers.

Selena Oates, owner of Cannock Print, said: "There has been a dramatic drop in footfall since they closed the car park.

"A lot of customers that used to come in three or four times a week come in less now because they are elderly people who do not have anywhere to park since the car park closed and there are not enough buses running.

"Quite a few jobs come in for me over the internet but if I relied on footfall in the shopping centre, I would be struggling.

Expensive

"It is going to be a nightmare at Christmas because there is not enough parking as it is and people simply will not bother. That will be a massive blow to everyone who works here."

Louise Hale, aged 31, supervisor at the Copper Kettle Cafe, said: "It has been really quiet since it closed. My mother is disabled and coming to the centre is now a struggle for her because all the disabled bays are full and there is nowhere to park."

Alternative parking is available at Beecroft Car Park but spaces are limited.

Sheila Dunning, chair of the traders association, said: "There are other places to park but they are quite expensive. As far as trade is concerned, I would not say it has killed it but it is a shame for hard working people to feel the impact on their business. Footfall in the town is a disgrace at the moment. Some people are doing quite well but others are struggling."

Susi McCarthy, centre manager at Cannock Shopping Centre, said: "The long-term impact of the car park is as yet unknown."

Tony McGovern, managing director of Cannock Chase Council, said there is 'no date for reopening any part' of the car park. "The council is making significant remedial repairs to the service ramp off Church Street and is in direct contact with the businesses affected by these works to minimise any disruption," he said.

STREET ART KNITS TOGETHER AT SHOPPING CENTRE



Jennie Martin, Joyce Swainston, Dylan Cox, Leonie Rose, with a cover



Colourful additions to the street scene in Rugeley

FABRIC fans got down to the 'knitty gritty' to create an eye-catching display for the area's first ever yarn bomb for charity.

Brightly coloured flowers, characters and a range of patterns cover bollards that line the streets at the Brewery Street Shopping Centre in Rugeley.

The newly formed Cannock Chase Yarn Bomb Group, which was established in June, spent months knitting the designs to decorate the streets and add a splash of colour to raise money for the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. Yarn bombing is an activity in which objects in a pubic place are covered with decorative knitted or crocheted material as a form of street art. Joyce Swinston, owner of The Little Wool Shop, was behind the plans.

She said: "I was talking to a customer about how much I wanted to do a yarn bomb and she had no idea what it was but loved the idea of it when I explained it to her.

"We got a small group of three together in June and it has been a journey. We are so proud of the result and people really seem to like them. They will spend time deciding which one is the best in their opinion and it makes them smile when they walk past.

"We are asking anyone who likes the designs to donate to Midlands Air Ambulance inside the shop."

The art will be on display for passers-by to admire until Saturday. To find out how to get involved visit, call Joyce on 07583 239041.

CENTENARY

Funding boost for Great War ceremonies

PLANS to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War have been boosted with the award of a £15,000 grant.

Cannock Chase Council has secured the funding from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund to help pay for a specially commissioned play, 'The Last Day', and ceremonies including the lighting of a beacon.

There are also plans to produce a 'digital toolkit' to help education groups and residents understand the district's role in the conflict and how it has been commemorating the 100th anniversary. Throughout the country, communities will be lighting their own beacons and organising parades as part of 'Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute'.

Cannock's leisure services partner Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles submitted the application on behalf of the district's WW1 Working Group, a collaboration of Armed Forces' organisations and branches such as the Staffordshire Regimental Association, arts group members of Cannock Chase Arts Council and the district council.

On November 10 and 11, the district will mark the occasion with a service and beacon lighting at St Luke's Church in Cannock, special services at other local churchesand performances of 'The Last Day' at the Prince of Wales in Cannock, Rugeley Rose Theatre and Staffordshire University Academy in Hednesford.

POLICE

Tip searched over missing worker

POPLARS Tip in Cannock was cordoned off on Tuesday by police investigating the whereabouts of a missing man.

It is believed that the site was being searched in connection with the death of a 29-year-old man in an industrial accident in Wolverhampton earlier this month.

West Midlands Police said inquiries led to the search at the landfill site in Cannock.

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Action call over 'awful' eyesore building



The old building has been targeted by vandals

ACTION must be taken to clean up an 'eyesore' building where a meat cleaver was found and a child's bike was stolen from the site, residents have said.

Windows of the derelict building, which previously housed a Jobcentre, have been smashed in and it has been left to fall into a state of disrepair.

With it being one of the first buildings visitors drive past along the A34 Grey Friars after leaving the M6 for Stafford, residents want the building to be redeveloped.

Becci Woolrich, who runs Stafford Litter Heroes – dedicated to litter-picking in the town – said her son's bike was stolen from there and she had even found a meat cleaver on the site.

She called the conditions at the site 'awful'.

It is understood that the owner of the site is London-based Eagle Mount Ltd, which is now open to offers for the building. County councillor Jonathan Price said the state of the building had been getting worse in recent months.

"It is an eyesore," he said. "It's been getting steadily worse and the first thing you see when driving from the north of Stafford.

"I believe the landowner didn't originally want to sell it but they have now been persuaded.

"They are accepting best offer bids until September 28."

Eagle Mount Ltd has been approached for a comment.

Snub the Hub launched in fight over rail depot

SOUTH Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson has teamed up with campaigners in an attempt to stop a rail depot being built in the countryside.

The West Midlands Interchange could be built on 700 acres bordered by the A5, A449 and M6 at Gailey, Four Ashes and Calf Heath.

The project, which would be the size of 430 football pitches, has already received considerable opposition from residents and politicians.

Now, with the support of Mr Williamson and Stafford MP Jeremy Lefroy, a new campaign is under way.

Snub The Hub aims to demonstrate that the scheme is 'completely inappropriate' for the proposed rural location and is an 'attack on the greenbelt'.

Impact

The Stop The West Midlands Interchange campaigners, who are behind the campaign, are urging people to join them in fighting the proposals.

Mr Williamson, who visited Croft Lane in Gailey on Sunday for the official launch, said the project would create havoc. "We're standing side by side with residents and many concerned local people who are very fearful about this proposed development and the impact it will have to the greenbelt," he said.

"It was quite obvious to me that this is the wrong type of development for the wrong area and we want to make that absolutely clear.

"It is something that the local authority doesn't want, it's something residents don't want and I just want to lend my voice of support to their objections. The challenge we're going to have is not just the destruction of the greenbelt but the hundreds of thousands of extra vehicles that we will be seeing, not just in terms of the extra traffic going onto the M6, but the extra traffic on local roads all around the area."



South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson with campaigners in Croft Lane at the Snub the Hub launch

Snub The Hub was launched after the Interchange project moved a step closer when the Planning Inspectorate deemed current plans acceptable.

Planning experts examined work done by applicant Four Ashes Ltd during a three-week scrutiny process and have now given the green light for the company to progress towards a full planning application.

Donna Gilmartin, chair of Stop The West Midlands Interchange, will see her house back onto the hub if it is given the go-ahead.

She has helped design T-shirts, posters, placards, leaflets and a website as part of the campaign. She added: "There's not enough awareness out there about what's happening. You speak to people who think it's a done deal, which it's not. There is only a limited window to put your objection to the Planning Inspectorate until October 28."

The site for the 'Strategic Rail Freight Interchange' has been chosen for its proximity to the West Coast Main Line and key main roads.

Four Ashes Ltd says its plans would create more than 8,500 jobs and bring £427 million to the local economy.

Olympic star tells of pride at Hall of Fame listing

OLYMPIAN Kristian Thomas is the latest name to be added to Wolverhampton's Sporting Hall of Fame.

The gymnast, who is now retired, was part of the bronze medal winning team at the London 2012 Olympics.

He was recognised alongside cyclist Stuart Dangerfield, winter Olympian Michael Booton and Mark Farnell, the first Paralympian to make it into the Hall of Fame.



Thomas

The stars were inducted at a ceremony at Aldersley Leisure Village last week.

Thomas, who grew up in Wolverhampton and now lives near Cannock, who has now retired, said it was a proud moment as he joined stellar names such as Billy Wright and Denise Lewis on the list.

The 29-year-old added: "I'm very proud, that is the main feeling right now. I'm from Wolverhampton, and the support they have given me is incredible and has given me the opportunities in life.

"It's great to be recognised by the city and significant people in the city. It's where I'm from and my family still live here so for me the recognition from the people of the city means a lot to me."

Veteran unveils revamped store

ROYAL Marine commando veteran Ron Smith was guest of honour to officially reopen Cannock's refurbished Morrisons store.

The 86-year-old former Sergeant Major from Great Wyrley was invited to cut the ribbon on Thursday at the 25,500 sq ft shop in Mill Street.

Mr Smith, who is chairman of the local branch of the Normandy Veterans Amalgamation, said the group had received great support from Morrisons.

"Every year they provide us with a variety of goodies for when we go on our trip to mark the anniversary of D-Day," he said. The veterans are one of the community causes supported by the store.

Manager Ben Cumpstone said the Normandy veterans held charity collections at the store on a regular basis.

Harvest celebration

A HEATH Hayes church is celebrating harvest festival. Bourne Methodist Church, in Hednesford Road, will be open to visitors from 11am to 2pm on Saturday, with lunches served between midday and 1.30pm. Rev Chris Parkes will lead a service on Sunday at 10.30am.

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£10k boost for museum to mark war centenary

A STAFFORDSHIRE museum has received a £10,000 grant for a project to mark the centenary of the First World War.

The Staffordshire Regiment Museum, in Whittington, was awarded the money by the Heritage Lottery Fund's First World War then-and-now programme for the Breaking of the Hindenburg Line project. The museum was awarded the grant thanks to National Lottery players.

The project will focus on The 137th Staffordshire Brigade on September 29 1918 when allied forces broke through the main German defensive line – the Hindenburg Line – in the Battle of the St Quentin Canal. Germany signed the armistice to end the war 43 days later on November 11.

Danielle Crozier, museum curator, said: "We're delighted that we've received this support thanks to National Lottery players. David Lloyd George called the battle the greatest chapter in our military history and The Staffords spearheaded this attack.

"It was a fine military victory but it's one that's often overlooked."

Meanwhile, the museum is to create a military-themed adventure playground for children. Lichfield District Council granted planning permission after the museum received a £20,000 grant from the Armed Forces Community Covenant Scheme and £10,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Conference will look at conflict

PEOPLE interested in Staffordshire's role during the First World War are invited to find out more at a free event.

The 'Changing Times' conference will explore the county's role during the Great War, covering aspects including the role of women, community remembrance, and the latest research on Cannock Chase.

The day will bring together professionals and local history groups to share their findings, and historians will consider how lives changed for those who served on the frontline and those on the home front.

The conference will be held at County Buildings in Stafford on October 20 from 10am to 4pm. Go to www.staffordshiregreatwar.com

Festival park-ride

A PARK and ride service will be running for the Stone Food and Drink Festival, from October 5 to 7. People will be able to park at Aston Marina to catch buses into the town for the main event at Westbridge Park.

Suppliers step up for designer outlet



Councillor Gordon Alcott at the event

SCORES of tradespeople and suppliers attended a Meet the Buyer event involving the main construction contractors responsible for building the new McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Cannock.

The event was organised by Cannock Chase Council as part of its ongoing role to maximise the benefits the project can offer to the local economy.

More than 30 different trade requirements have been identified by contractors Bowmer & Kirkland, and the hope is to match these opportunities to as many local suppliers as possible. Last week's event at the council's Civic Centre was attended by 160 representatives supplying a range of trades including plumbing, decorating, joinery, ceramic tiling, fencing, gates and barriers, soft flooring, blinds, mirrors, scaffolding, interior decoration and even equipment for an adjacent nature reserve.

Councillor Gordon Alcott, deputy leader and economic development and planning portfolio leader, said: "The support of the contractor in helping to organise and host the Meet the Buyer event is appreciated. It is the latest initiative of many planned between the council, the contractors and developers as we gear up to the designer outlet being built and successfully trading.

"The employment and skills plan for the outlet outlines the responsibility of contractors to engage with local suppliers and sub-contractors."

Representatives from Bowmer & Kirkland recently attended the Cannock Jobs Fair where they spoke directly with local residents about recruitment and training opportunities.

Care homes firm snaps up former depot site

A FORMER council depot and playing fields in Cannock looks set to be transformed into a care home after being sold off.

Restful Homes Group is to snap up the old County Grounds Services Depot after out-bidding a rival firm.

The deal means that the county council-owned depot and nearby playing fields are now on course to be transformed into homes.

Staffordshire County Council had previously approved the sale to D & G Properties, which wanted to put homes on the depot site, but scrapped the agreement after receiving a 'significantly higher' offer from the care firm, a new report says. Restful has three care homes in the Midlands.

The former depot is one of several sites which have been sold off by the authority as it aims to raise money to help fund services.

County council leader Councillor Philip Atkins said: "Our property sub-committee looks at council land and buildings and how we make the best use of those assets, including selling those we no longer need.

Approved

"This means we can reinvest the proceeds in new schools, roads or other projects, or to fund major changes in the way the council works and delivers for Staffordshire people."

Other council land earmarked for disposal includes the Babbage Building in Hixon and the former Flash Ley Resource Centre in Stafford.

A council report said: "The sub-committee had previously approved the joint sale of the former playing field at Girton Road/Spring Street, Cannock, and the former County Grounds Services Depot at Cannock Road, Blackfords, Cannock, to D & G Properties Ltd. But the sub-committee was later told that following their decision, a 'significantly higher' offer had been received for the County Grounds Services Depot site from Restful Homes Group.

Approval was also given for the disposal of the former playing field at Girton Road/Spring Street, Cannock, to D & G Properties Ltd.



Mother of two Leanne Foster, from Rugeley, switched from military lorry driver to become a cake designer

Doggone! Yes this really is a cake

WOULD you eat a cake that looks just like your dog?

Well, Staffordshire baker Leanne Foster has whipped up exactly that – and it looks eerily realistic.

The military lorry driver, turned cake designer, has created a life-size version of a friend's French bulldog, created entirely out of eggs, sugar, flour, butter and icing.

The 30-year-old from Rugeley has not been a baker for long. After serving in the army for five years and working in a pharmacy Leanne now runs her own business, Cake House.

She created the cake just for fun but the hardest thing about it is seeing it being eaten. "I couldn't watch," she admitted.

The mother-of-two is now looking at branching out to wedding cakes.

She will be appearing at NEC's Cake International event in Birmingham from November 2-4.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fresh appeal over dog stolen at fair

A DOG is still missing after it was taken from a busy fair.

The Springer Spaniel named Amo was stolen from the Midland Game Fair at Weston Park on Saturday, September 15. Now owner Bibby Curtis is appealing to the public in an attempt to find the much-loved pet.

"I am absolutely heartbroken," she said. "She is 16kg in weight of a slim build. All white body with small liver speckles, and a part liver head.

"She is micro-chipped with a three-quarter showing-docked tail. She is only a year and a half old and my first pup, which I bred personally." Call 07809 701261 with information.

Three released after police raid

THREE Stafford men have been released under investigation after police raided four addresses in Pennycroft Court in the town, as part of a crackdown on the supply of monkey dust.

A 40-year-old was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of Class A and B drugs, and a 20-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs.

Another 20-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply cannabis and possession of a bladed article.

Women injured in crash at junction

TWO women were taken to hospital following a crash in Staffordshire.

Emergency services were called to the the junction of Station Road and the A518 in Chartley, near Stafford, at 8.40am on Thursday.

Two women were taken to County Hospital in Stafford.

A spokesman for the Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service said: "Crews from Stone and Stafford have rescued a woman from a car after a collision on the A518.

"She was cut free from the vehicle after being trapped by her injuries."

Simon will be bringing comedian Lee to city

STAND-UP comedian Lee Nelson is returning to Staffordshire following his 150-date, smash-hit tour.

This time he will bring his Seriously Joker show to the Lichfield Garrick on October 12.

The comedy character is played by Simon Brodkin, who has been performing solo stand-up since 2004.

Tickets for the Garrick show are £12 available from the box office on 01543 412121 or at www.lichfieldgarrick.com

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COUNTY NEWS

Hard rockers' gig now set in Stone

BIRMINGHAM'S latest live alternative music venue The Mill in Digbeth has announced a headline show for Walsall hard rockers Stone Broken.

The four-piece, who released their latest record Ain't Always Easy in May, will headline the venue on February 15 next year as part of their next UK tour titled Home.

A statement on The Mill's Facebook page said: "Stone Broken, presently blazing a debut tour trail across the USA, have announced their Home UK headline tour, set to take place this coming February and March, with special guests to be announced in due course."

Actors bringing war back to life

A SPECIAL re-enactment display is to be held at a museum to mark 100 years ago since the end of the First World War.

The Sandwell Remembers event will be held at Haden Hill House Museum, in Cradley Heath, on Sunday.

Visitors will be able to learn more about Great War soldiers with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment re-enactment group.

The free event will take place between noon and 4pm, where there will also be live music from the period.

For further information go to sandwell.gov.uk and search for Sandwell Remembers.

Promotion ale to support hospital

A NEW beer celebrating Wolves' return to the Premier League has been created by a Shropshire brewery.

Three Tuns in Bishop's Castle, believed to be the UK's oldest brewery, has brewed five per cent ale The Pack is Back. It will be on sale in The Fox, Shipley, and Platform Ale House, Albrighton, next month. Brewery owner John Russell, originally from Sedgley, is a keen Wolves supporter. All profits from sales of the beer will be going to Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Bullring set for US Morphe's next store

AMERICAN beauty giant Morphe will open its second store in the UK this year at Birmingham's Bullring.

The store is set to open in late autumn this year, but a date has not yet been set. The brand currently only has an online presence here in the UK but wants to offer customers more.

Chiefs say they are 'excited' for the move and called the Bullring the 'perfect destination' to set up shop.

Keep charity running with fun runs

A HOSPICE is urging people to put on their tutus and superhero capes to take part in its annual 10k and 5k family runs to keep the charity running.

This year, the Katharine House Hospice event has two new routes in the grounds of Shugborough Hall on October 7 and runners are encouraged to pull on their trainers and wear fancy dress. Lisa Carson, events fundraiser at the hospice, said: "This year it's 25 years since we opened the doors to our day therapies centre.

"Local people were instrumental in getting the hospice started, and they continue to be the reason we can keep it running.

"We can't wait to see our superhero community out in force on October 7 to enjoy our family fun runs which are suitable for all ages and abilities. This year we have some fabulous new fundraising packs for all our runners so please book as soon as you can and help us to raise even more than our £20,000 goal.

"It's not about how fast you go, it's all about having fun; there's no prize for the fastest runner but there will be a prize for the number one fundraiser."

Stafford Railway Building Society is sponsoring the event for the ninth consecutive year.

Every finisher will receive a medal and chip timing, provided by JC Race Solutions.

Fancy dress is not compulsory but it is most welcome.

Register atwww.khhospice.org.uk/event/10k- and-5k-family-fun-run or on 01785 270808, or register on the day from 9am.

Police in unmarked HGV target drivers on phone

By Richard Guttridge

POLICE in Staffordshire used an unmarked lorry to help them catch drivers using mobile phones at the wheel.

Officers were out on the M6 in the HGV as part of a week-long operation.

The initiative was aimed at catching drivers breaking the law and to spread the message about the dangers of using mobiles while driving.

Officers also caught motorists reading and preparing food. It has been illegal to use a mobile at the wheel since 2003 and could land drivers with six penalty points and a £200 fine.

It follows a similar campaign by West Midlands Police last week using a double-deck bus to watch drivers.

Sgt Rob Gilligan, from the Central Motorway Policing Group (CMPG), said: "We want drivers to understand just how dangerous and irresponsible looking at your phone can be.

Detect

"There are no excuses – either pull over in a safe location or ignore your phone until you arrive at your location.

"The high-up position in the cab helps officers to see and record motorists breaking the law, which they may not have been able to detect at a lower level. So far, drivers have been spotted using their phone, texting, reading and even preparing food."

The lorry is fitted with flashing lights for use in an emergency and cameras to capture driving offences.

It also has a de-restricted speed limiter, meaning it can reach up to the national speed limit if required.

Councillor Bryan Jones, a former police inspector who represents Hednesford & Rawnsley on Staffordshire County Council, welcomed the move, adding: "I recognise the dangers caused by people using mobile phones at the wheel. Anything that acts as a deterrent has to be a good thing."

Designer outlet work makes progress



Work continuing on the McArthurGlen Designer Outlet village, off the A460 Eastern Way at Mill Green

WORK is pressing ahead on the McArthurglen Designer Outlet Cannock that is being built at Mill Green.

The £160 million retail complex at Eastern Way is due to be completed in 2020 and will provide 285,000 sq ft of shopping space. Drivers have been facing delays on the surrounding roads as the construction work, which started in July, continues.

Multi-signal traffic lights are in place along the A460, alongside the development, until October 6.

The development scheme, which is in two phases, will bring 1,000 jobs to the area, with the first phase set to be home to 80 sought-after premium and luxury brands, as well as restaurants and cafes, a children's play area, parking for cyclists and 1,400 car parking spaces.

The project on the 29-acre site near the Mill Green Nature Reserve is a joint venture between McArthurGlen, Aviva Investors, the Richardson family and U+I.

Cannock Chase Council granted planning approval for the designer outlet in September 2016, following extensive consultation in the area.

The scheme will also provide an additional £1.5 million investment in projects to benefit the local community including maintenance at the nature reserve, and improvements to the town centre and railway station.

Residents quiz police during live online chat

VANDALISM, anti-social behaviour, and bobbies on the beat were the hot topics during a live police grilling.

Staffordshire Police invited the public to quiz them on topics of concern within their communities as part of the special event.

Residents from throughout the borough fire up their computers to praise officers for their work and highlight issues on Thursday.

Chief Insp Gemma Ward said: "We really appreciate you providing us with information we can act upon to keep our communities safe.

"We value your feedback on the service we provide too."

The online chat saw residents discuss police presence on the streets, with a lack of foot patrols in the Highfields area raised as a concern.

Pc Phil Davies, who covers Highfields and Burton Manor in Stafford, said PSCOs conducted high-visibility patrols regularly through the day but 'police officers patrol when demand allows them to'. He went on to say that a new policing model, launched in July, should lead to an increase in visible patrols on the streets.

When asked whether the force's latest recruitment drive would result in more foot patrols in the borough, Chief Insp Ward said: "We want you to feel a policing presence in your local area – whether that be officers on foot patrol, us attending local community meetings, or being online for surgeries like this.

"It is important we are accessible to you in a variety of ways, and whilst we can't be on every street all of the time we will ensure that we are aware of issues in your area."

Councillors meet chief over crime

A FORMER police officer turned local councillor is taking action against policing problems in her area.

Councillor Maureen Freeman, who represents Cannock South on Cannock Chase Council, met policing commander Sarah Wainright with fellow councillor Hyra Sutton to discuss concerns over a rise of crime in the area.

She said: "As we all know, and I don't think it's any secret, crime as a whole is on the increase and shoplifting is on the rise. I do not know what the problem is at this moment in time but something really has got to happen. This is not down to the cuts.

"I've held a meeting with Cannock Chase police commander Sarah Wainwright to try and do something about it. We'll be holding further meetings in the future together."

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Hospital is top in poll for food and cleanliness

WEST Park Hospital in Wolverhampton has been marked the best in the region in areas such as cleanliness and quality of food in a national survey.

The Patient-Led Assessments of the Care Environment (PLACE) is an annual appraisal which looks at the environment in which care is given at hospitals throughout the country.

West Park Hospital has scored above the national average in all of the eight indicators. Assessments are carried out annually by people who use the hospital. They look at areas such as privacy and dignity, food, cleanliness and building maintenance.

Cannock Chase Hospital and New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton, also run by The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, scored highly.

West Park, New Cross and Cannock Chase hospitals all scored above the national average in at least six of the eight areas, with West Park scoring above average in all eight.

David Loughton, chief executive of the trust, said: "Receiving feedback from our patients is something we value and encourage.

"We are pleased with the results which show that our staff work tirelessly to provide the highest standards possible. Our high scores are due to the hard work of everyone across the trust, and I would like to thank all the teams who contributed."

Bodyguard could return – Mercurio

MILLIONS tuned in to see the finale of hit drama Bodyguard, and creator Jed Mercurio has hinted there could be four more seasons to come.

The crime thriller recorded an average of 10.4 million viewers as the series drew to a close, hitting a peak of 11 million viewers in its final five minutes. This doesn't mark the end of the show, however, with Cannock producer, director and novelist Mercurio revealing that he has plans up his sleeve for four more series.

"It's probably fair to say we would probably approach any thoughts of a second series with the idea that it would create an opportunity for a third or fourth," he said. It comes as the writer's other smash hit, Line of Duty, is returning for its fifth season.

Branch meeting

THE Cannock branch of the Royal Engineers Association hold their monthly meeting on Monday, October 1, at 8pm at the ex-service club in Walsall Road, Cannock. For further information call 01543 423319.

Vintage car is steered to a £15k sale



The 1932 Armstrong Siddeley saloon

A VINTAGE car that went under the hammer in Penkridge sold for £15,000.

The 1932 blue Armstrong Siddeley saloon was one of two vehicles which took centre stage at the sale, the other being a 1987 red Peugeot 205 GTI.

The Siddeley caught the attention of a number of collectors and vintage car enthusiasts at Cuttlestones' auction house, with a local bidder, who already owns a similar vehicle and is a member of the owners' club, placing the winning bid and collecting their purchase within the hour. The Peugeot also proved popular, selling for £4,800. MD and head auctioneer Ben Gamble said: "This has been a cracking sale, and we are delighted with the results – needless to say, we have some very happy vendors.

"We had over 700 internet bidders register for this sale and a very strong contingent in the room both days.

"There was a real buzz about the auction, and it was reflected in the prices achieved."

Elsewhere, the sale proved strong across the board with a number of high-end brands including Faberge, Tiffany, Cartier, Tag Heuer, Rolex, Maple & Co and others represented in various sections.

Particular highlights included a 16th/17th century oil on canvas of the artist Peter Paul Ruebens, attributed to his circle, which sold for £2,100 to a local buyer.

There was a 19th century carved oak musical longcase clock from a local estate which attracted five phone bidders before selling at £1,900 – despite considerable damage – and an Oriental white metal three-piece tea service which sold for £1,200.

'Massive relief' as plans for 80 homes rejected

PLANS for a new housing estate in Penkridge have been thrown out after more than 100 objections.

The project to build up to 80 homes off Cherrybrook Drive was rejected by members of South Staffordshire Council.

It comes after the council received 122 objections from residents, who raised concerns over traffic congestion and 'over-stretched' infrastructure. Proposals had been put forward to build 100 homes but were reduced to 80 by the developer and were recommended for approval but councillors voted against the plans.

Councillor Len Bates, who represents Penkridge North East & Acton Trussell on South Staffordshire Council, said: "I am very pleased with the decision, I called for it to be refused, and the majority of councillors were of a similar mindset. Penkridge simply does not have the infrastructure for such a development. The health centre is already at breaking point, and the schools are busy.

Delighted

"There is a development for 280 homes off Lyne Hill Road that is near completion which will already add more pressure on services and the A449 which is often gridlocked on market days. Plus the M6 is often blocked. It is set in the open countryside and does not accord with the objectives of the Site Allocations Document (SAD) we have recently adopted.

"Over 100 members of the public who objected to the plans will be delighted."

Resident Wayne Blackwell, aged 57, said: "Obviously it is a massive relief to us. We have been battling against this since we found out about it and we have had an unprecedented amount of support from the community.

"The fact that the land had been earmarked for homes was a major shock to residents. A lot were concerned and even frightened."

The decision notice reads: "The proposed development is contrary to the policies for the control of development on safeguarded land."

Developers Lone Star Land were asked whether they would lodge an appeal or resubmit the application and a spokesman said: "We are considering the options available to us."

Thousands turn out for 10K run



Chasewater and Cannock Chase Trail Runners were among those taking part in Stafford's annual 10K run

THOUSANDS of people descended on Market Square in Stafford for the town's annual 10K run.

Charity fundraisers and running clubs went the distance on Sunday as crowds cheered them on from the sidelines.

The six-mile course took runners past Stafford Leisure Centre, through Victoria Park, and back to a packed-out town centre. The mayor of Stafford, Councillor Ray Barron, helped to kick off the event. He said: "The forecast was atrocious but as it has turned out it could not have been any better for running, and what a lovely event to have in the town.

"Stafford Borough Council aim to have as many events as we can in the town centre. The more the merrier."

The first-place prize for the male runners went to Matthew Costello, who covered the distance in 33 minutes and 39 seconds.

For the female athletes, the first-place prize went to Georgia Chattwood, who ran the course in 39min 12sec.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cuppas at cafe to aid charity funds

PENNY Blacks Cafe in Cannock is throwing open its doors tomorrow (Friday) between 10am and 1pm in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support for their World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

A free tea or coffee is on offer, with donations of £1 a cup welcome.

Karen Wells, manager of Penny Blacks, which is located in Fashion Factory at Hollies Park Lane, said: "There will be a great variety of homemade cakes and snacks available.

"There will be lots of information from Macmillan and a chance to browse the latest magazines and a lovely raffle to raise further funds. We look forward to seeing you there."

Banjo player in anniversary gig

STAFFORD Folk Club starts its new season with a performance by a homegrown banjo and guitar star.

Dan Walsh will be performing for the club as its celebrates its first anniversary at The Bird in Hand in Victoria Square today (Thursday) at 7.30pm. Also performing will be concertina star Alistair Anderson, a singer and musician who was a regular guest at the old Falcon Folk Club in Stafford in the 1970s.

Concerts are on the fourth Thursday of each month. Tickets are on sale at www.staffordfolkclub.com

Garage rebuild plans unveiled

A PETROL station could be demolished and rebuilt, under new plans.

Eccleshall Service Station, in Eccleshall Road, Stafford, has been earmarked for development. Under the scheme the garage will be demolished, along with an adjacent house, to enable the petrol station to be rebuilt.

The new 24-hour filling station will include a convenience store, store office and toilet. There will also be nine allocated car parking spaces, including one disabled and four cycle spaces.

Proposals have been submitted to Stafford Borough Council.

Fringe Festival play is coming to library

A PLAY which was a hit at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival will be performed at a Staffordshire library tomorrow (Friday).

As part of its autumn tour, Nazanin's Story, by Emi Howell, will be staged at Rising Brook Library in Stafford. The play tells the true and ongoing story of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe who was arrested at Tehran Airport in April 2016 while travelling home to the UK after visiting her parents.



IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews



Clearing the air just muddies the waters

CONSULTATION (noun): the process where public authorities tell lesser mortals what they have decided to do, spend lots of money encouraging the public to have their say, and then do it anyway.

Take Birmingham's clean-air zone, for example. Motorists who bought diesel cars like the Government told us to a few years ago will soon be charged £10 a day for driving into the city centre.

Here's a prediction of how it will pan out. By the time it comes into force in 2020, businesses will have already started relocating to the edge of the ring road, just outside the zone. Vast amounts of fossil fuels will be burned constructing new office blocks, business parks, shopping centres and car parks, and concerns rise about pollution and traffic around the edge of the city.

By then, the Government will have decided that it is petrol and electric rather than diesel cars that are the problem, and introduced new taxes.

Meanwhile, concerned by the number of empty buildings in the city centre, the council spends millions on regeneration plans. Local bigwigs catch a filthy great plane to Cannes to unveil their vision at the annual planning junket – before putting it out to consultation.

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OF COURSE, it's never a proper consultation without a scare story and a grim warning that 'doing nothing is not an option'. And Councillor Waseem Zaffar, the man behind the clean-air charge, certainly delivered.

"Nine hundred deaths are accelerated each year as a result of air pollution," he said. " That's not the city I want my child, or any children, growing up in."

If it saves one life, and all that.

Now we don't know where Councillor Zaffar got his figures from, but it is probably the 2015 study by King's College London, which seems to be the car basher's weapon of choice at the moment. It claims that in London, one in every 1,417 lives is shortened by pollution.

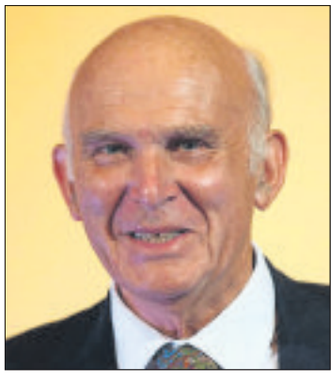
They rarely tell us, though, that the report's own authors admit to 'uncertainty in the evidence' and that 'figures are approximate and need to be used with care'. Still, why let facts get in the way of new taxes?

And while they happily quote scary figures about 'lives being shortened', they rarely elaborate on how much they are shortened by. Ten years? Five? Six months? Well actually the study estimated that if its recommendations were implemented in full, life expectancy would increase by a few hours. Bet you didn't hear much about that in consultation.

People are plumper and can't squeeze into saloons



Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker – unveiling plans on trading bloc



Sir Vince Cable – this blooper will haunt him to his obituary, and beyond



Twiggy – now in her 70th year – and tale of formal dinner next to Princess Margaret

Real reason this car is now Beetle-ing off

WHAT'S the real reason for Volkswagen ending production of the legendary Beetle? According to one report: "It was out of sync with consumers in the US where bigger cars, including crossovers and sports utility vehicles, dominate the market." The reason our roads are dominated by enormous 4x4s is not because folk live in the outback or drive off-road. It's because people are getting plumper and can no longer squeeze into saloons. In the case of the Beetle, for "out of sync" maybe instead we should really read it's "too small for fatties."

AS the campaign for a "People's Vote" rattles on, based on the claim that the British public did not understand what Brexit would mean, a reader writes: "I am watching this with interest. I am not 100 per cent sure everything was explained fully at my wedding ceremony 46 years ago."

BRITAIN'S prison system is founded on the Christian principles of penitence and rehabilitation. It is best suited to dealing with old-fashioned burglars and robbers who, if all else fails, will eventually grow out of their criminality. But a regime of rewards and early release is hopeless when it comes to dedicated jihadists who leave prison just as deranged and homicidal as they went in. Some of these religious extremists are jihadists for life. Dozens of them are coming to the end of their jail terms this year, to be released into the community they despise and have sworn to destroy.

SO here's a prediction. Before long, a jihadist freed from a British prison – and probably released early – will commit murder or mass murder. And it's not simply a question of if, but when.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



TWIGGY entered her 70th year this week. One tabloid marked her birthday by re-telling the old tale of the formal dinner where the world-famous model was seated next to Princess Margaret, who asked her name. Twiggy replied that her real name was Lesley Hornby "but most people call me Twiggy." Turning away, the princess muttered: "How unfortunate." Two women. One a national treasure, the other a truly ghastly specimen. No prizes.

FOR those of you crying foul at the suggestion that Britain might leave the EU and then change the agreement, look at where the EU is heading, and how it is changing. The Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker has been unveiling plans to turn the Union from a mere trading bloc into a sovereign world power. The EU we are leaving is nothing like the Habsburg Empire Mk II the EU will become.

INEVITABLY, Juncker's speech included the old lie "We live on a peaceful continent, made possible by the European Union." Bunkum. Peace in Western Europe was made possible by the sacrifice of British, Russian and American soldiers and the threat of atomic weapons.

BODYGUARD (BBC1) has been a TV triumph. But the wonder is that it got beyond episode four when David Budd (Richard Madden) tried to commit suicide by putting his gun to his head and pulling the trigger. He survived, we are told, because someone had replaced the live bullets with blanks. Don't try this at home, kids. As any old soldier will tell you, a blank can be just as deadly as the real thing. On day one of my TA recruit course all those years ago, the instructing corporal at Catterick asked for a packet of fags. One lad unwittingly handed his over. The corporal put it on the muzzle of a rifle and fired a blank. Twenty Embassy and the packaging vanished in a huge, fragrant cloud. "And that," said the corporal, as smoking bits of cardboard and tobacco fell on us, "is why you will never, ever fire a blank round directly at anybody." We only needed telling once.

THE world waited for Sir Vince Cable to deliver his much-heralded Lib-Dem Conference speech denouncing Brexiteers for wanting the "erotic spasm" of leaving the EU. Cometh the moment, Cable lost his nerve and blurted out "exotic spresm." So that's it. He's 75 and no matter what he has achieved in the past or does in the future, Sir Vince knows this blooper will haunt him to his obituary, and beyond.

RACHEL Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester says we should be "mindful of our language" in case referring to God as masculine alienates some people. She doesn't like the idea of young people hearing God constantly described as "He." The snag is that Jesus, the Bible and 2,000 years of Christian tradition all refer to God in male terms. But what the heck? The Church of England has moved so far from biblical teachings already that no-one's going to notice one more little change. Especially when hardly anyone goes to church anyway.

TALKING POINT

Catering for size seems a tall order

HOPEFULLY by the time you read this, something positive may have come of it. It relates to Louis Makepeace, the young man who claims he was denied a place at catering college because of his size.

Louis is just 3ft 10in and accused Heart of Worcester College of backtracking on offering him a definite place on a course he had set his heart upon because of his condition, called achondroplasia. The teenager claimed he was deemed a health and safety risk.

There are two sides to every story, of course, and the college said the place was still up in the air while it negotiated the necessary adjustments to its kitchens and equipment.

"We would like to state that at no point has Louis been told he could not attend his course but both Louis and Mrs Makepeace have been informed that the adjustments Louis requires will need to be agreed before an unconditional offer can be given," a statement said.

But, without a firm offer, and because of the way Louis feels he was treated, the boy has opted against enrolling anyway.

And that's such a shame that, because of the wrangle, he is unable to pursue his dream, something that all young people should be entitled to do.

The youngster claimed he is a huge fan of Gino D'ACampo and wanted to follow in his footsteps. He also said more flexibility was needed.

Under health and safety regulations, employers are expected to make the necessary amendments to cater for disabilities.

Surely society as a whole should be striving to make sure that people of all abilities can achieve their live goals.

Louis' size should not detract from his ability to do whatever is put in front of him. Sometimes, all people need is a chance to show what they can do and he wasn't being given that.

Youngsters need an aim and direction in life and cooking is something Louis loves doing. He has even shown off his culinary skills on national television since the row broke out. Sadly, other than that, it seems he has been deprived of chasing his ambition.

Yet, often, it is against all odds that real winners thrive and hopefully Louis can get the break he needs.

Celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay has been among those offering support and has said he would be willing to offer him an apprenticeship.

Louis' mother also believes she hopes something good can come of the whole saga. That's food for thought.

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Parents go extra mile to tackle obesity



Gail Preston and Lisa Rushby, centre, from the Parent Teachers Association with pupils and Catboy from TV show PJ Masks

A £17,000 track to help tackle obesity has opened at a school in Penkridge. Teachers and pupils at Marshbrook First School, in Teddesley Road, marked the opening of the first Daily Mile track in the area.

The Daily Mile involves children running or jogging – at their own pace – in the fresh air with friends.

Children can occasionally walk to catch their breath, if necessary, but should aim to run or jog for a full 15 minutes. Lisa Rushby, 43, a member of the Parent Teacher Association, said: "We've been fundraising for the past 12 months to get this track installed. A small contribution has been paid from the school's PE fund. We've raised over £11,000 in to put towards it. It cost £17,000 in total.

Ms Rushby said it was a 'good initiative' by the school to tackle obesity. She added: "The kids can walk at their own pace and it's for all abilities."

Staff attacked by 'thieves'

STAFF were attacked outside the store where they work after confronting a group of suspected shoplifters.

Two Dunelm workers on the Linkway Retail Park in Cannock were assaulted, with one victim, a woman in her 50s, needing hospital treatment for a head injury.

Police were called to the scene, off the A5 near Longford Island, at about 5pm last Wednesday. A male employee was also attacked. The attacker is described as a man wearing an all-black tracksuit, who left with another man and two women in a red Peugeot 208 with Irish number plates.

Police said the workers were set upon after challenging a group who they believed had been shoplifting.

The female victim was taken to New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton.

A photograph of the vehicle was posted by Facebook user Carl Hardiman, who said: "Anyone know where this vehicle is please inform police. Apparently the vehicle got on the toll road at Norton Canes."

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman Jamie Arrowsmith said: "We were called at 5.09pm to reports of a patient who had been assaulted on Linkway Retail Park"

Call police on 101, quoting incident number 616 of September 19.

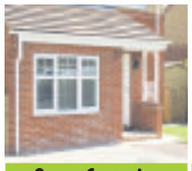
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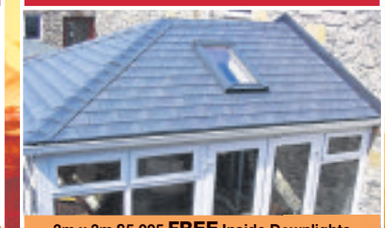
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Participants needed for new TV concept

BBC Three are currently in production with a unique format and we're casting for people from your area. We want to reach out to your readership to invite them to feature in the series.

The Bafta-nominated BBC Three series 'Eating With My Ex' has been commissioned for a 10-episode long-form series after its short-form version went viral online. The show reunites former couples to sit down and have one last dinner with each other, and to discuss their relationship in an honest and open conversation.

The popular short-form series online has racked up nearly 20 million views and is hugely popular with the 18-35 age bracket.

The experience isn't as scary as it sounds and in fact the couples who do take part walk away with closure, answers to their questions and in some cases a rekindled romance! This is a genuinely heart-warming and lovely format. Those interested in applying for the show do not need to contact their ex – in the first instance applicants will have a research chat with the casting team and following that, the casting team then approach the ex on behalf of the applicant.

DAVINIA RICHARDSON
Entertainment Thames

Get in Learning Zone for medical advice

DIABETES UK has launched a free and easy-to-use learning tool for people with diabetes. Learning Zone is a digital platform to help people understand more about their condition and how to manage it.

Having access to trustworthy information is important, but can be hard to find. Learning Zone offers clinically accurate advice in plain language, and is constantly updated. Created by healthcare professionals together with people living with diabetes, it combines medical knowledge with the real experience of people with the condition.

If you are living with diabetes you can try Learning Zone by visiting www.diabetes.org.uk/zone

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Barrier to trade will be main rift

IT is a pity Carl Sholl should write so strongly about UKIP (Letters, September 20).

The EU is a club for a few rich countries, for whom it maintains a trade border around Europe. By leaving the EU, the UK is embracing free trade with the rest of the world. We will be able to buy food at cheaper rates from third world countries who will also benefit by access to our markets.

The only significant rift after Brexit will be the EU's trade barrier with the UK.

Will Mr Sholl campaign for the EU to reform so that it removes all its trade walls? After all, if it were prepared to do that, most of the Brexit negotiations would be sorted.

MARK ELLSE
Cannock

Insects could now be a new secret weapon

I AM 70-years-old and never been bitten by a mosquito in my life, until this year.

Having been away in June to Majorca, and September to Ibiza, I ended up with about eight to 10 bites per trip.

I was in conversation with a gentleman of 78 in Ibiza, and he was telling me he had been all over the world, in swamps etc, yet also had never been bitten until this year.

I note that in the FIFA World Cup millions of insects were filling the stadiums at certain venues. Could this be Russia's new secret weapon – sending all those flying insects over to the Med using giant wind generators? I write because I'm interested to find out if anyone else who has never been bitten in the past has been bitten this year.

M DAVIS
Cannock

Just say no to meters

WHAT is the big 'con' about smart meters? It does away with estimated bills? If I have an estimated bill it takes me about five minutes to ready my meter, job done. Also, if I boil a kettle and see the electric being consumed is too much, do I switch the kettle off and and have a tepid cup of tea? And if anybody thinks they are compulsory, they are not. Just say no, like I did.

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Gardening disasters and mishaps

Penkridge WI

MEMBERS of the bi-monthly Lunch Club headed out to The Bell at Haughton. Everyone enjoyed their delicious meals, the scampi and roast of the day being the most popular; the staff are very helpful and friendly making the whole visit a great success.

For the September 3 meeting, the competition was a single flower. As it had been pouring with rain all day this was quite a challenge. It was linked to the topic of the evening's speakers on gardening mishaps and disasters, Graham and Judy White, long time members of the National Garden Scheme and creators of Woodleighton Grove Karibu Garden.

Through slides and commentary members were led through the development of their third of an acre site from wild and weedy to a spectacular landscaped haven. However, as Graham pointed out, it was not all plain sailing! Although a lovely garden is relaxing and enjoyable – it can be bad for your health.

In one year there were 87,000 people treated for garden related accidents in the local hospital, mostly sprains and strains but some broken bones and nasty cuts.

Graham's amusing talk was concluded with a three-minute video walk through of the finished garden.

The single flower competition was won by Gail Renton with a beautiful rose.

Hogging the limelight for TV documentary



Joan Lockley with Carol and Anna filming for Channel 5



Dandy Hindley and Mr Prickles

Cannock and District Ladies Probus

MANY members could be seen hurriedly applying their lipstick and combing their hair, following a meal at the Chase Golf Club, in preparation for the camera.

Channel 5 had come to Probus to film speaker Joan Lockley for a documentary as she gave a talk on the West Midlands Hedgehog Rescue Centre.

'Hedgehog lady' Joan has looked after some 7,000 hedgehogs and hoglets over the years at her 'hosprickle'. She gave an informative presentation with photographs explaining the life of hedgehogs, and how everyone can help in preserving their habitat which has been so devastated over recent years.

Some 36 million hedgehogs have declined to just one million with the loss of hedges on agricultural land and gardens, and the use of pesticides and chemicals.

A ripple of excitement went through the audience when Joan dipped into a box and bought out 'Mr Prickle' a tame hedgehog who calmly took to being passed around and stroked.

Meetings are at Chase Golf & Country Club on the first Thursday of the month. The October 4 meeting will celebrate the 25th anniversary. The speaker will be E.K. Gilkes on "Odes of Life and Laughter."

Ladies go batty for speaker

Hayes Green WI

KEVIN Reynolds, of Staffordshire Bat Group, proved a great replacement for the booked September speaker.

He gave a very enjoyable and informative talk on the lives of bats around the world, highlighting how important they are for seed dispersal and pollination.

There are 1,300 species around the world with 18 of these found across Britain. The most common, the pipistrelle bat, can be found roosting in modern houses behind the soffit and fascia boards, they cause no damage and take in no nesting materials.

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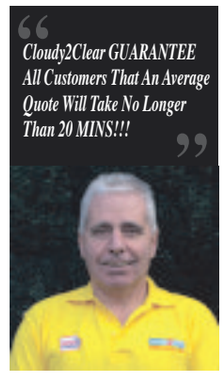
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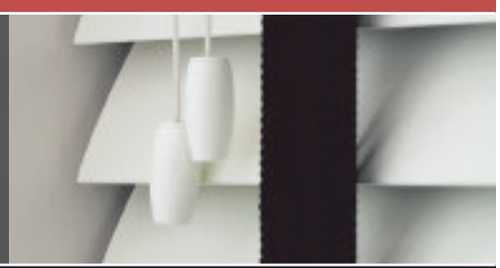
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Anna Marie is the toast of pub

A CANNOCK graduate of a 'Bar to Boardroom' management training programme was invited to the House of Commons to celebrate her achievement.

Anna Marie Jones, now general manager of The Merchant in Cannock, was welcomed by Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling.

Anna Marie's promotion came about after completing the Stonegate Pub Company's 'Accelerator' programme, which is designed to give employees the tools to bridge the gap between deputy manager and general manager.

Now in its 20th graduation cycle, the scheme has seen 200 deputy managers progress to managerial positions since its launch in 2013.

The course aims to build confidence and the ability to work as a team, with participants organising and producing a fundraising event in their pub for a charity of their choice.



Anna Marie Jones, left, with MP Amanda Milling

Help desk can guide the way to a new job

A CHARITY is to host an open employment help desk to support those living with a disability find work.

The service at Cannock Library from today (Thursday) to Saturday will be open 11am to 3pm.

Sight loss charity Beacon is hosting the Building Better Opportunities (BBO) Evolve employment help desk as part of its work to promote National Eye Health week.

However, the charity has also secured funding to support those with all disabilities as well as those living with a visual impairment.

The help desk will give individuals tailored support to get job-ready and help find employment.

Mark Edwards, employment advice officer at Beacon, said: "We all know how daunting it can be to look for work, but those living with a disability often need tailored support around their circumstances.



Allan Lane, left, from Wimblebury, with Mark Edwards outside the Beacon shop in Cannock after securing a job

"Thanks to our great network of connections, funding and experience we can help get people job-ready and help find their first job or get them back into work." Beacon's help desks are also open to those who want to learn new skills, boost their confidence or improve their skills set.

The BBO Evolve project has already helped a number of people find employment including Allan Lane, from Wimblebury, who said: "Before coming to Beacon I had low confidence and was nervous to even speak about my job search. Once I met the Beacon BBO Evolve staff I felt relaxed and at ease. I learned new skills and techniques to help my job search, all in a relaxed and informal environment – soon after I landed my first job."

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Waterways group line up activities

THE Lichfield branch of the Inland Waterways Association has unveiled its latest programme of activities.

Harry Arnold will present a 'pictorial ramble through snapshots of a life as an itinerant waterway writer, photographer and volunteer campaigner' at Martin Heath Hall on October 17.

November 8 will see members going on the Weston, Amerton & Gayton Walk.

Then an illustrated talk titled 'The Natural History of the Midlands Canals (Part 2)' will be given by environmental officer Paul Wilkinson at Martin Heath Hall on November 21.

The branch holds its Christmas lunch at the Bull & Spectacles, Blithbury, on December 9.

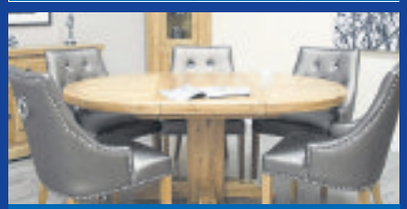
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What about farmyard diseases?

I WOULD like to congratulate George Adamson on his condemnation of the ineffective and shameful badger cull (September 20).

The NFU frequently quote the figure of 33,000 cattle being slaughtered due to Bovine TB but they fail to mention that 300,000 cattle are slaughtered each year due to farmyard diseases, which include mastitis, lameness and infertility.

Shooting estates have signed up to the cull when they don't even have cattle, but they don't want badgers killing pheasants which they want to kill, so a cull is a good way to deal with this but doesn't help control TB.

The NFU also never mention that they pressurised the government of the day to allow farmers all over the country to restock with untested cattle after the foot and mouth epidemic in 2001, when incidents of Bovine TB immediately rose by 300 per cent.

Killing mainly healthy badgers is helping nobody.

SANDRA DUDLEY
Cannock

Special gifts are important

AS chief executive at the British Heart Foundation (BHF) I see first-hand the incredible impact gifts left in wills make to the charity.

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SIMON GILLESPIE,
British Heart Foundation

More voters

MARK DeBank may be interested to know that despite Mr Fabricant's constituency boundary being changed the Boundary Commission anticipate the constituents will increase from 73,085 to 74,778.

A SHIRES
Health Hayes

Society's awards scheme celebrates amazing work

THE National Autistic Society (NAS) is looking for people and organisations who've done something amazing for autistic children, adults, or their families.

If any of your readers know of a person or organisation like this, please nominate them for our seventh annual Autism Professionals Awards. We want to celebrate their achievements, so we can improve understanding of autism. Find out more about autism and nominate by visiting www.autismprofessionalsawards.org.uk

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Politicians to blame for divide

CARL Sholl says UKIP destroyed the UK's relationship with the EU – a claim that is at best ill informed (Letters, September 20).

I feel obliged to point out that the only reason UKIP gained 12.7 per cent of the vote and forced Mr Cameron to allow a long overdue referendum is because the British people were never asked if they wanted to join the EU or be governed by unelected presidents and commissioners who rule, from of all places, Belgium.

UKIP did not divide the country, the country has been divided by pro-EU politicians.

ANDREW WILLIAMS
Rugeley

Please don't throw bread

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Amazon worker to visit Seattle

AN Amazon worker will be going on the trip of a lifetime next month, with a tour around the company's headquarters in the US.

Thomas Mason, aged 25, will be joining colleagues from Amazon's other UK sites after winning a competition in which they were asked to explain what they liked best about working for the company and why it was the right place for them.

More than 800 employees took part, with one person from each fulfilment centre chosen to visit the HQ in Seattle as part of the I Found the Right Place challenge.

Health and safety coordinator Thomas, who has worked at Amazon for almost six years, was the lucky Rugeley employee chosen for the trip.

"When I was told I was going to Seattle I was thrilled," he said.

"Touring the Amazon campus in Seattle will be the most amazing experience, I can't wait."



Thomas Mason, who works at Amazon in Rugeley

Dealer in police chase had cocaine in his car

A DRUG dealer has been jailed for five years after flipping his car as he tried to flee police while carrying more than 40 grams of cocaine.

Footage released by Staffordshire Police showed Dwaine Lewis, from Wolverhampton, lose control of his black BMW while driving away from police at high speed.

The incident happened in Cannock on the evening of January 28 last year after Staffordshire Police officers were alerted to the car when it passed them in Girton Road breaking the speed limit. Officers had chased 28-year-old Lewis who tried to escape by turning into Wolverhampton Road towards Cheslyn Hay at more than 80mph. The BMW hit a kerb and rolled over before Lewis, who avoided serious injury, was eventually arrested at the scene.



Dwaine Lewis – arrested at scene

When the car was searched, police officers found more than 42 grams of cocaine, with a street value of between £3,000 and £4,000 inside, as well as messages relating to drug supply on his mobile phone.

Lewis, of Fourth Avenue, Low Hill, was convicted at Stafford Crown Court on September 11 of possessing a Class A substance with intent to supply. He had pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to dangerous driving.

On September 13 he was sentenced to five years in prison and banned from driving for six years.

Pc Matthew Burns, from the Central Motorway Police Group, said: "The reckless driving displayed by Lewis could have very easily killed or seriously hurt an innocent bystander.

"He was lucky to escape with minor injuries.

"We will always do all we can to disrupt those that drive dangerously and use our roads for criminal means."

Two hurt in crash on A51

TWO men were injured in a collision on the A51 near near Great Haywood.

A 30-year-old man driving a silver Ford Focus suffered serious head injuries and was taken by ambulance to Royal Stoke Hospital, and a 59-year-old man driving a grey Land Rover Freelander was treated for minor injuries by paramedics.

Officers are looking into the crash, which happened at 9am on Saturday at Pasturefields.

Police are keen to speak to drivers who were using the A51 at the time, particularly the occupants of a dark coloured SUV-type vehicle and a white car, possibly an Astra, travelling towards Rugeley. Anyone with information is urged to contact 101 referring to incident 207 of September 22.

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Gateway to a new era at former stadium site



Councillors George Adamson and Christine Mitchell cut the ribbon at the revamped Cannock Stadium site

CANNOCK Stadium has officially been opened after a much-anticipated million pound redevelopment.

The ribbon was cut at the Pye Green Road site by Cannock Chase Council leader Councillor George Adamson.

An adventure play area, a BMX track, footpaths and cycleways, community allotments and an outdoor gym are among the features. The council has pumped £1.3 million into the project that has seen the site transformed, three years after work first began.

Councillor George Adamson said: "It's been vital to keep this site open as it's the most deprived area of Cannock with the most health problems and we wanted to reverse the decision to build houses here. We wanted it as an open space so people can get fit and enjoy themselves.."

The site has improved safety and security with new lighting, fencing and gates and CCTV surveillance and was completed by construction company Blakedown Sports and Play Ltd.

Councillor Christine Mitchell, culture and sport portfolio leader, said: "It's been a lot of hard work but we have achieved our aims.

Hope

"This is only phase one, and if we can get the funds we want to do phase two and put a community building and changing rooms here.

"Everything has worked well and the facilities are being used. We hope the Friends of Cannock Stadium Park group will take off and help us keep the space in this condition. I was a part of the Save Our Stadium group, and we fought against the housing development and managed to keep it for a public open space, so I'm happy."

Joe Taylor, founder of the Friends, said: "We set up this group to keep the park as a clean, tidy and safe place for families to use.

"I was on a walk around this park and thought 'Someone should do something about this rubbish', and my partner said 'Why don't you do something?', so I did. I have children, and I want them to use this space too.

"We have a community set-up now, and it's going at some pace. Keeping this safe and clean will invite people to come and deter anti-social behaviour."

Council bosses approved the plans in 2014, announcing that the first work would begin on the site the following year. The stadium has been empty since 2008 when it closed, forcing sports groups to move elsewhere.

Plans were scrapped in 2012 for the site to be turned into residential homes, with the council preferring to keep the site as a place for sport and leisure

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Skydiver gets boost from builder



Simon Price, patron of We Love Lichfield, with skydiver Carrie Jahn and Rachael Startin of McCarthy and Stone

A HOUSEBUILDER has donated £500 to a fundraiser taking part in a sponsored skydive on Saturday in aid of We Love Lichfield.

McCarthy and Stone, the company behind the Scott Place Retirement Living development in the city, said it was delighted to provide a 'gesture of support'.

We Love Lichfield supports community development by providing small grants to a wide range of projects based in the district.

Carrie Jahn, who will perform the sky dive, said: "I am thrilled to receive a £500 donation from McCarthy and Stone, which will help We Love Lichfield provide a source of ongoing funding that can be used towards community projects for many years to come."

Giving away a total of £25,000 every year, We Love Lichfield helps to create a lasting legacy for the town by financing small-scale community groups and organisations. Simon Price, patron of We Love Lichfield, said: "It is fantastic to see McCarthy and Stone supporting Carrie as she raises money for the We Love Lichfield fund.

"We send a huge thanks to both Carrie and McCarthy and Stone for their contribution towards the future of the Lichfield district."

200 to attend ceremony

A CEREMONY honouring the Cannock Chase 573 Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association is expected to feature more than 200 veterans and serving personnel from the three armed services.

Formed on August 12, 1946, the branch is being awarded 'Freedom Entry' by Cannock Chase Council in recognition of its local welfare work and the centenary of the RAF.

A vellum scroll will be handed over at the clock tower in Market Street, Hednesford, on Saturday.

It will be followed by a march though the town headed by the Royal Air Regiment band to Hednesford Park where there will be an 'eyes right' salute to civic leaders, regional and national dignitaries. Freedom of entry traditionally allows a military organisation to march through the streets with 'colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed'.

It carries no other rights or responsibilities but is the most honourable distinction a local authority can bestow.

Among the marchers will be veterans from the Royal Engineers and the Royal Navy to mark the fact that the RAF was formed in April 1918 with the amalgamation of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service. The parade will be followed by a civic reception in a marquee in the park.

Some streets will be subject to rolling closures for a short while during the parade. Call 01543 464553.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Boxing club in plan to extend

A POPULAR boxing club in Rugeley is to expand if new plans are given the go-ahead.

Proposals for an extension at Rugeley Police Amateur Boxing Club have been lodged with planning officers at Cannock Chase Council.

A decision on the scheme is expected in the coming weeks.

'Offensive' ale is given a rebrand

POPULAR Staffordshire ale Top Totty, which used to bear the picture of a scantily clad 'bunny girl', is officially being rebranded after concerns it was too offensive.

As of next month the Slater's ale will be called 1Hop, but bosses have reassured drinkers that the recipe will stay exactly the same.

Former Villa chief will take HS2 role

A FORMER chairman of Aston Villa is the new chairman of the West Midlands Combined Authority's HS2 growth delivery board.

Businessman Steve Hollis is currently chairman of Birmingham Metropolitan College Corporation and the University of Birmingham Business School Advisory Board.

On the Tutbury trail

CHASE Ramblers' walk this Sunday is an eight-mile easy-to-moderate walk from Tutbury, meeting as usual at Hednesford railway station car park for a 9am prompt departure. Call 01543 686429. New walkers welcome.



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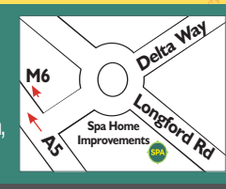
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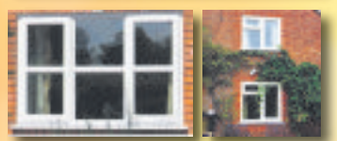
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They now also have a brand new range in of wood burning stoves that are proving highly popular.

"We have seen a major increase in customers looking at purchasing wood burners as they offer not only a good source of heat but add style and value to the customers living room," manager Phil said.

Last September Norton Canes Fireplace Factory embarked on a major showroom refurbishment, with almost 40 new fireplace set-ups being moved in on display and a complete overhaul on the decoration.

"We just felt we needed to diversify a bit more so we added a range of designer electric and gas fires and also brought in a new range of contemporary marble and limestone fire surrounds," Phil added.

"We also modernised the decor with introducing new wooden and carpeted floors and added a tiled floor area, which have really enhanced the showrooms looks."

They are confident you will find a perfect fireplace to match your home. With over 100 fireplaces and fires on display they cater from the smallest to the largest of fireplaces. Most fireplaces on display can be made to measure so there's no need to worry about your wallpaper or the carpet fitting, they will send out an experienced member of staff who will measure this up for you completely free of charge.



The team are confident you will find a perfect fireplace to match your home

They also offer a fitting service by in-house Gas Safe and HETAS engineers so everything is done all under one roof.

Now the big news! As their 15-year anniversary approaches and their showroom has been refurbished they are offering their best offer yet. Purchase ANY gas or electric fire with a fireplace suite and they will give you £200 OFF your total price.

"We wanted to give our customers our best offer yet. This is a genuine £200 OFF. So you can purchase any brand of fire (Dimplex, Celsi, Valor, Flavel, Wildfire, Kinder) with any of our fireplaces and we will deduct £200 off your bill," Phil said.

This offer started on Thursday, September 13 and ends on Saturday, September 29 so why wait – there's no better time to purchase that dream fireplace now before the clocks go back.

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Micro-pub going for a big triumph



Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling at The Rusty Barrel with owner Darren Porter and customers

THE Rusty Barrel in Rugeley has been entered into the Parliamentary Pub of the Year competition.

Chosen by the public to represent the Cannock Chase district, it will go up against pubs from throughout the country to find the best in the UK.

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling said: "Congratulations to Darren Porter who owns and runs the Rusty Barrel. He has created a fantastic micro-pub and thoroughly deserves the chance to fly the flag for Cannock Chase.

The Rusty Barrel is located in Fernwood Shopping Centre, off Green Lane. Ms Milling added: "If you have not visited the Rusty Barrel I would encourage you to do so. Having won the competition to be our entry, The Rusty Barrel certainly has the endorsement of local ale lovers."

Advice for young by text

A TEXT service has been launched for 11 to 19-year-olds to seek confidential advice and support from healthcare professionals.

ChatHealth is designed to be an easy way to confidentially ask for help with a range of issues or make an appointment with a school nurse.

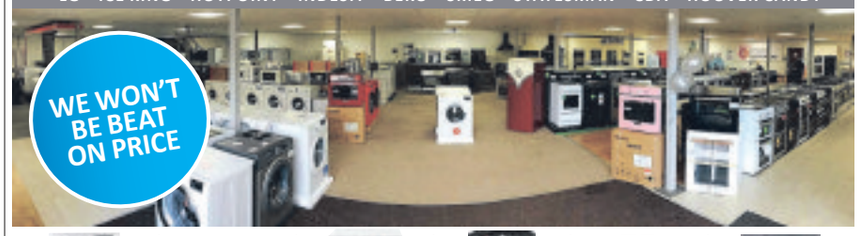
It has been introduced by the Families' Health and Wellbeing Service (0-19) at the Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (MPFT) and will go live on November 1. Kieron Murphy, managing director of the trust's children and families care group, said: "With young people increasingly using technology to access services we felt ChatHealth was ideal to encourage them to engage with the team."

Messages sent to the dedicated numbers – 07520 615723 if the young person lives in Stoke-on-Trent or 07520 615721 if the young person lives elsewhere in Staffordshire – are delivered to a secure website, and responded to by trained professionals including school nurses.

Young people messaging the service will be able to receive advice and signposting on a wide array of subjects including bullying, health, drugs, self-esteem, relationships, and sexual health. There is also a number for parents to text – 07520 615722.

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Huge haul of deadly weapons

A hoard of deadly weapons has been seized by Staffordshire Police over the last six months.

Weapons including hammers, knives, a butcher's knife and samurai swords have all been confiscated.

It follows Operation Sceptre, a week of action supported by police forces throughout the country to 'give a renewed focus' on educating people about knife crime and deterring people from carrying knives when out and about.

Staffordshire Police posted the haul on social media to raise awareness of the dangers of using knives.

They posted: "These are the weapons seized by one of the shifts at the Stafford neighbourhood policing team over the last six months.

"It is likely other shifts will have similar amounts of knives seized.

"You are more likely to be hurt carrying a knife than if you are not, so please think



The weapons seized in Staffordshire in the last six months

Man died snorkelling on his dream holiday

A GRANDFATHER drowned on his dream holiday while taking part in a 'poorly monitored' snorkelling excursion, an inquest heard.

Roy Fawcett, who grew up in Rugeley, was enjoying an all-inclusive stay in the Dominican Republic with wife Sue. The hearing in Cannock was told that the couple, booked a snorkelling expedition at Paradise Island, advertised and run by the holiday company TUI, but 58-year-old Mr Fawcett was found face down in the ocean.

Holidaymaker Jamie Elkaleh said in a written statement to the inquest: "I expected them to put him in the recovery position. I was in total shock and disbelief that no-one was helping.

"They just stood there. Roy was making groaning like noises. I was



Roy Fawcett on the holiday

panicking, shouting at staff to call an ambulance. No-one seemed to be reacting as trained first aiders."

Aimee Allen, a nurse, was also on the trip and ran over to help when Roy was pulled onto the beach. "I asked if he was breathing or had a pulse but the men did not answer," she said.

Mr Fawcett's widow Sue said TUI representatives had encouraged them to book any holiday trips with their company, instead of local firms, as it would be 'safe' and 'insured'.

Speaking after the inquest, Mrs Fawcett said: "I cannot thank enough the holidaymakers who tried to save Roy's life but I'm angry that safety measures on what was an organised excursion appeared to be so lax."

Senior Coroner for South Staffordshire Andrew Haigh concluded that Roy died from accidental drowning on a poorly monitored holiday excursion.

A TUI UK spokesperson said: "We note the Coroner's comments and we will be further reviewing the matter with the excursion provider."

Two homes planned for church hall

A CHURCH hall could be converted into homes after plans were put forward.

The St John's Church Rooms in Burntwood have been earmarked for development. Plans have been put forward to convert the Ironstone Road buildings into two two-bedroom houses.

As part of the proposals submitted to Lichfield District Council, developers want to demolish an existing extension to create garden and parking spaces.

The hall will be divided at ground-floor level to create the homes. A new staircase will also be constructed.

A planning statement said: "It is our view that this conversion would add value to the property and neighbouring properties and also ensure the continued use of an underutilised building."





Appeal on thefts from town centre car park



Two of the suspects are caught on CCTV

POLICE are appealing for witnesses following the theft of three motorbikes from Backcrofts car park in Market Place, Cannock.

The first happened at 3.35pm on September 4 when five young white males were seen in the area.

One was shown on CCTV making off on a bicycle, while another rode off on a stolen moped without a helmet down Avon Road towards Longford.

A second machine was stolen at 4.30pm on September 7 when five males wearing hoodies were seen approaching the motorcycle bay.

Four of the suspects then headed off in the direction of Asda while the other ran off pushing a moped.

He then entered the Asda car park before heading towards Avon Road, then down the A34 towards Bridgtown.

The third incident happened at 7.30pm on September 12 when two males were seen entering the car park.

Anyone with information on the thefts or those caught on CCTV should call Pc Elinor Carney on 01785 235566.

Teenager in college rampage locked up

A JILTED boyfriend who went on the rampage at a college wielding a knife and causing students and staff to flee for their lives has been locked up for more than four years.

Stafford College went into lockdown for two hours following the incident in May as students were attending evening classes, a court heard.

By Marion Brennan

Kieron Walker, 19, of Ebenezer Street, Hednesford, was looking for his former girlfriend following their split.

Mr Simon Hanka, prosecuting, said Walker and his partner had been in a relationship for three years before she ended it on May 14.

Stalking

The following day he approached a friend of hers outside the college's Victoria Square entrance, asking if she was there and making general threats of violence.

He then pulled a kitchen knife with a 10in blade out of his bag and threw it at the college windows. Inside, CCTV footage showed him stalking the corridors.

He held a knife in the side of one student, who has since given up her studies. Walker then turned on a security officer who had confronted him, Stafford Crown Court heard.

The guard, Vernon Ward, told police he fled 'in fear of his life', Mr Hanka said.

Walker arrived at his ex-girlfriend's home, at about 7pm armed with a wooden stick.

Her father Andrew Robinson was injured when Walker threw a tool at him.

Walker pleaded guilty to possession of a knife, affray, two threats to kill, wounding and damaging a police car.

He was sentenced to 50 months in a young offenders institution and given a seven-year restraining order.





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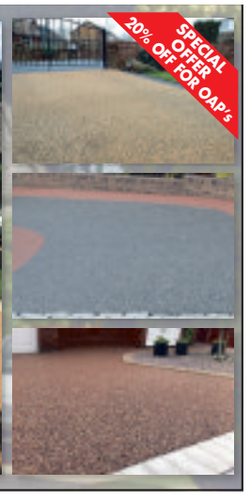
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Jamie Dodd, health and wellbeing activator for Lichfield District Council, said: "Cycling is a great way to get some exercise and to visit some fantastic places. We hope plenty of people will join us on our final ride of the season."

Anyone who wants to join the free ride should turn up with their bikes at Freedom Cycles on Windsor Business Park in Trent Valley Road, Lichfield, at 10am. Under-16s must be accompanied by an adult. Call 01543 308867 for further details.

Campaign crackdown on handling of stolen goods

PROLIFIC thieves are to be targeted during a county-wide campaign.

Operation Magpie sees Staffordshire Police aiming to disrupt the cycle of theft and handling of stolen goods by targeting students, homeowners and businesses with crime prevention advice.

Throughout the campaign, offenders will also be targeted by intelligence-led operational activity concentrated on searching for people who are wanted on warrant and for those who are named as suspects.

The force has recorded an eight per cent increase in the number of theft offences, ranging from residential and non-residential burglaries to theft of motor vehicles in the past 12 months.

Det Supt Colin Mattinson said: "How we tackle theft and offenders handling stolen goods is business as usual for our neighbourhood teams.

"However, through this co-ordinated awareness campaign we aim to send out a clear message to would-be offenders that there are serious consequences to their actions.

"We would also like to provide reassurance to Staffordshire's communities that we are working to disrupt offender activity through a number of tactics. One of which is working with second-hand traders to stop the passage of stolen goods. We are also actively engaging with students as they begin their time at university to ensure they do not become victims of crime, while also reminding homeowners of secure property measures.

"Theft of belongings, whether personal or business-related, can have a profound effect on victims and I am confident this campaign will further support the work already evident across the county and will deter criminals from committing these crimes.

"I'd encourage the public to keep a watch of our social channels using the hashtag #opmagpie for updates and insights into our activity."

For advice go to www.staffordshire.police.uk/crimeprevention

Staffordshire Police's community messaging service Smart Alert at www.staffordshiresmartalert.uk can keep residents informed of crimes in their area.



The police campaign is being run throughout Staffordshire

£500 plus for playground

THE Special Needs Adventure Playground (SNAP) in Cannock will be able to put on further art, craft and messy-play sessions thanks to a donation from the operator of the M6 Toll.

Staff from Midland Expressway Ltd (MEL) handed over a £500 cheque which will help meet the cost of materials for the sessions.

SNAP provides the opportunity for children and adults to play in a secure setting. The centre, which is regularly visited by adult organisations and carers with adult users, has a soft play area, sensory room, and a computer and gaming room.

Samantha Scrimshaw, a life skills worker with SNAP, said: "On behalf of SNAP and the children and adults who visit our playground, I wish to express our sincere thanks to the M6 Toll for their donation of £500. The funds will help to purchase much needed arts and craft items for use during our play sessions."



SNAP volunteers

The centre relies heavily on donations of craft materials which are regularly used throughout the year.

The £500 donation will be put towards bolstering supplies this year so that visitors can continue to enjoy more art, craft and messy play sessions.

S.N.A.P is a purpose built adventure play and recreation facility offering a range of indoor and outdoor play opportunities for children and adults with special needs. The centre is regularly visited by adult organisations and carers with adult users in order to provide them with more stimulation. Parents visiting with their children are safe in the knowledge that their children are accepted whatever challenging behaviour they may exhibit.

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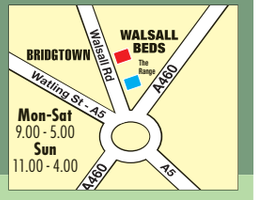


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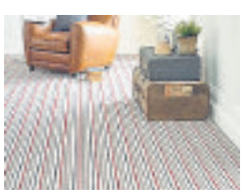


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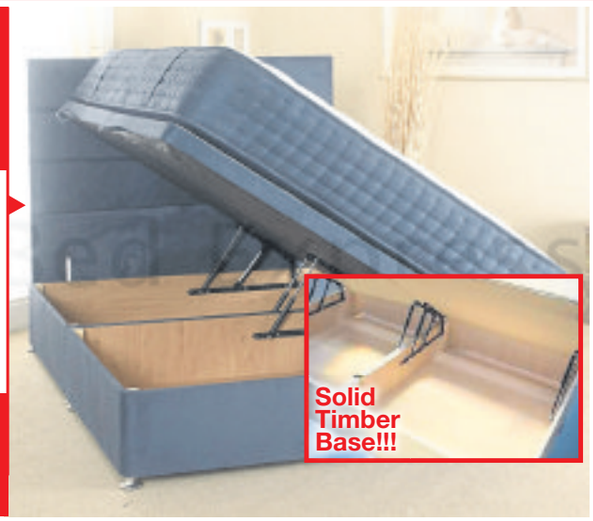
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Dementia is the 21st century's biggest killer, with someone developing it every three minutes, yet a few years ago we didn't talk about the condition with the frankness and openness that we do today. September is World Alzheimer's Month so we spoke to Sharon Wright, Alzheimer's Society Services Manager for South Staffordshire

What is dementia? Is it the same as Alzheimer's?

Dementia and Alzheimer's are not the same thing but they are closely linked. Dementia is a condition which describes a set of symptoms which might include memory loss, mood changes or problems with communication and reasoning. The most common form of dementia is Alzheimer's Disease, which is a disease of the brain. However, there are dozens of other types of dementia such as Vascular Dementia or Dementia with Lewy Bodies. Alzheimer's Society is committed to ensuring the rights of people affected by dementia are recognised and until the day we find a cure, we will be here to support anyone affected by any type of dementia.

We've come a long way but too many are still facing dementia alone without adequate support. In Staffordshire alone there are about 12,000 people with dementia. We urgently need to find a cure, improve care and offer help and understanding for people affected.

How can I avoid getting dementia?

Dementia is caused by diseases of the brain and anyone can develop it. Dementia doesn't care how old you are. It's caused by diseases of the brain so it's not an inevitable part of ageing. More than 40,000 people with dementia in the UK are under 65.

However, there are steps we can all take to reduce our risk of developing the condition. Research has shown that your risk of developing dementia increases significantly if you smoke, are obese, have high blood pressure or have high cholesterol. Regular exercise has been shown to lower the risk of developing dementia, as well as reducing the amount of salt in your diet. Eating plenty of fruit and vegetables provides your body with high levels of antioxidants which may help to protect against some of the damage to brain cells associated with Alzheimer's Disease.

What help is available to people with dementia and carers?

We want everyone affected by dementia to know that whoever you are, whatever you are going through, you can turn to Alzheimer's Society for support, help and advice. Locally, we work closely with the Memory Service and provide Dementia Advisors who can offer valuable information and guidance.

We can also put people in touch with local support groups provided by other organisations. You can contact the South Staffordshire office of Alzheimer's Society on 01543 573936 or our national helpline on 0300 222 11 22 or via alzheimers.org.uk

What can I do to help?

Alzheimer's Society is urging everyone to unite against dementia. We rely on thousands of volunteers, who give their time to provide local support. We are always keen to hear from people who might be able to spare a few hours on a regular basis, join our Dementia Friends programme or fundraise. You can find out more by calling 01543 573936.



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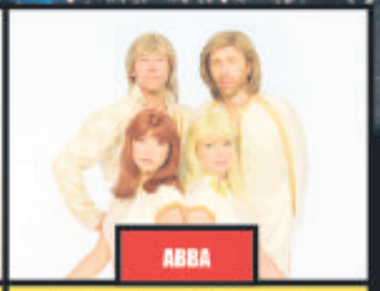
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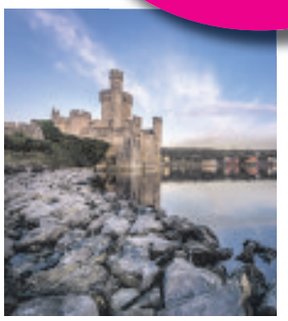


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Ethelwyn 'treated like a queen' as she turns 100



Ethelwyn Brown celebrates her 100th birthday with, from left, Joyce Brindley, grandson Christian Brown and daughter-in-law Carol Brown at Kingsley Cottage care home in Hednesford

A FORMER seamstress has celebrated her 100th birthday with friends, family and a card from The Queen.

Ethelwyn Brown, who turned 100 last month, was born and raised in Sheffield and currently lives at Kingsley Cottage care home in Hednesford.

She celebrated the milestone with a family party for 16 guests – including her 92-year-old sister – at Weston Hall in Stafford, where she was 'treated like a queen'. Carol Brown, Ethelwyn's daughter-in-law, from Hednesford, said: "I would put her age down to a good lifestyle and being well looked after. I was quite young when I first met her and her son.

"She's in a nursing home now but we make sure to visit her often.

"She had a celebration along with her family and she loved it.

She's looking very well. We went into Weston Hall for the meal and she loved it. They looked after her really well, with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and sister who were there. It was a wonderful celebration for her."

Ethelwyn, who was married during the Second World War, moved to Cannock Chase in the 1960s. She has four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Kingsley Cottage care home put on a party to mark the occasion.

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The festive atmosphere is always fantastic and there's even more this year with new icicle lighting throughout the hall and a Victorian bandstand where live bands will take centre stage. While browsing the stalls, let the music get you into that Christmassy mood and be entertained by Santa himself, stilt walkers and pantomime characters.

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Exploring royal roots of ballet

Birmingham Royal Ballet's Fire & Fury programme, staged at Birmingham Hippodrome from October 3 to 8, features two ballets fuelled by power and politics.

The King Dances, choreographed by BRB company director David Bintley, looks at the very beginnings of ballet at the court of the young King Louis XIV of France. The other half of the programme, Juanjo Arqués' Ignite, demonstrates that the flames of the art form still burn brightly.

In The King Dances, Bintley recreates the spectacular proto-ballet when the king of France danced the role of the Sun God in a spectacular court entertainment, earning his label The Sun King.

But beneath the veneer of the glittering and fashionable court lies a desperate struggle for power between the young king and his mentor, Count Mazarin.

Inspired by ballet's very first steps, an all-male ensemble displays virtuosity in this powerful and compelling piece.

Ignite by Arqués has been commissioned as part of Birmingham Royal Ballet's pioneering Ballet Now talent development programme, and features brand new designs from Tatyana Van Walsum and a score from Kate Whitley, co-founder of The Multi-Story Orchestra.

Inspired by Turner's painting 'The Burning of the Houses of Lords and Commons', Ignite translates vibrant colour into atmospheric and symbolic choreography.



Scott Matthews – his version of the blues has won fans

The best is yet to come

Wolverhampton's Scott Matthews, the Ivor Novello-winning songwriter, has toured with Foo Fighters, played Sydney Opera House and thought about calling his band The Wanderers in honour of his favourite football club.

The performer who grew up on a diet of Led Zeppelin before breaking through with hit single, Elusive, is seven albums into his career.

Tomorrow (Friday), local fans will get a rare chance to see an intimate home city gig when the 21st century bluesman headlines Newhampton Arts Centre.

Matthews has been on the road for years but in the past year or so things have changed, he's become a father and recently married his long-term partner, Sally. Married life suits him.

"It's all changed," he laughs, from his home just north of the city. "Since Elliott came along, it's been a sort of wonderful chaos. On reflection, I probably wouldn't have released a record this year had I known."

Elliott was the inspiration for his most recent album, The Great Untold – a collection of songs that were stripped back, lyrically insightful and brimful of emotion.

"The feedback from the hardcore fans has been brilliant. They seem to think it's my best album yet," he adds. "But I don't feel I've put my best work out yet. I still believe the best is yet to come."

Symphonic sounds from the movies

Symphony Hall in Birmingham hosts spectacular shows with a movie theme this autumn, plus a Last Night at the Proms style extravaganza.

Symphonic Fantasy on October 19 features music from Lord of the Rings, Game of Thrones, the Harry Potter and Pirates of the Caribbean movies. This will be performed by the London Concert Orchestra and Canzonetta choir.

The London Concert Orchestra return on November 9 for The Music of Stars Wars And Beyond, a sci-fi spectacular with lasers and indoor fireworks to accompany music from ET, Close Encounters of the Third Kind, Alien, Jurassic Park, Inception, Star Trek and, of course, Star Wars.

The music of Ol' Blue Eyes will be celebrated when Simply Sinatra, a Sunday matinee concert on November 18, features a 27-piece band with dancers and singers Matt Ford and Victoria Hamilton-Barritt.

Following sold out success last year, Spectacular Classics is back for Saturday matinee and evening performances on November 10. The city of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Choir, conducted by Anthony Inglis, will perform such Prom favourites as Rule Britannia and Land of Hope and Glory in a programme of popular classics. The highlight will be an explosive 1812 Overture complete with indoor cannon and fireworks finale.

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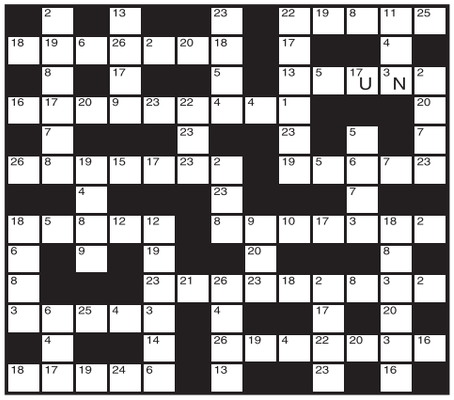
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Codeword

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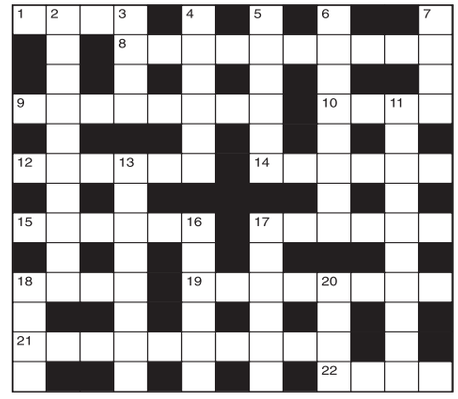
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Restrain dog with big head (4)
8. Voters choose to speak (10)
9. Setback with furniture can be examined (8)
10. Thus return publicity for chemical (4)
12. Puts back part of organ in dazed state (6)
14. Not being impartial with short branch line (6)
15. Streak round person on ice (6)
17. Is in a hurry to get water-plants (6)
18. Little bird tells us he was a great architect? (4)
19. Hatchet used by boy on a bird of prey (8)
21. Mobilise forces with an affectionate summons to infant? (4,2,4)
22. Carry off girl from 15 when upset (4)

Down

2. Funeral director doesn't have a big enough income? (10)
3. Win against 7 (4)
4. I object to doctor having hesitation in becoming society man (6)
5. Not leaving the birds alone in Greece (6)
6. Has bias beforehand, but still takes the chair (8)
7. Gamble on a letter from 5, perhaps (4)
11. Sheer drudgery despite university teacher having answer book (6-4)
13. Obviously keep busy round a temporary home (8)
16. Iran to share (6)
17. Notice correct work again (6)
18. It's almost sinful, but it keeps the flame burning (4)
20. Lots of people and an entertainer (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Slight quarrel (4)
8. Luxuriance (10)
9. Motherly (8)
10. Sickle (4)
12. Chastise (6)
14. Soften (6)
15. Brigand (6)
17. Die (6)
18. Spool (4)
19. Rapturous (8)
21. Belligerent (10)
22. Curse (4)

Down

2. Spotless (10)
3. Gala (4)
4. Extinguish (6)
5. Hawker (6)
6. Single man (8)
7. Look for (4)
11. All-knowing (10)
13. Lazy (8)
16. Ditch (6)
17. Clergyman (6)
18. Thick cord (4)
20. Too (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Lemon; 8 Profuse; 9 Houdini; 10 Outer; 12 Stagnation; 15 Shape badly; 18 Shout; 19 Rawhide; 21 Desists; 22 Tiara. Down: 1 Alchemists; 2 Amour; 3 Anti; 4 Spring; 5 Monorail; 6 Curtail; 11 Run like mad; 13 Treatise; 14 Papoose; 16 Arrest; 17 Vicar; 20 Wits. QUICK - Across: 7 Obese; 8 Elation; 9 Kingdom; 10 Tramp; 12 Particular; 15 Peccadillo; 18 Rally; 19 Arduous; 21 Astride; 22 Sight. Down: 1 Bookkeeper; 2 Means; 3 Lend; 4 Permit; 5 Nautical; 6 Disable; 11 Perversity; 13 Analysis; 14 Acolyte; 16 Images; 17 Tough; 20 Dash.

Quiz

1. Which screenwriter won Oscars for Dr Zhivago and Lawrence of Arabia?
2. What is a conger?
3. In Greek legend, who was Electra's brother?
4. Of which city's council was Derek Hatton deputy leader?
5. Of which fictional character is George Frampton's statue in Kensington Gardens?
6. Gyres are large-scale rotations of what?
7. Of what is the dogfish a species?
8. Which space probe made the first fly-by of Venus?
9. What was Jerome K Jerome's middle name?
10. In which US state were the Mormons founded?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 White blood cell; 2 Mir; 3 London; 4 Ultra high frequency; 5 Doug McClure; 6 Rodent; 7 Danish; 8 Edward Jenner; 9 Oglala Lakota (Sioux); 10 Ejector seat.

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Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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3878 gives Samoan currency,
64229 gives a small coin.

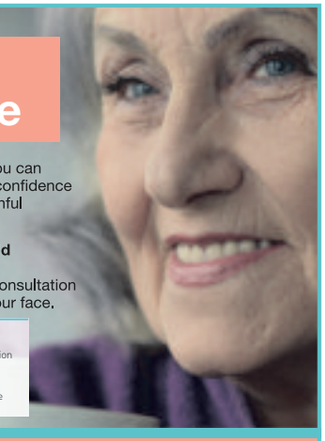
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Claudia Winkleman (left)

Strictly Come Dancing (BBC1, 6.30pm)

Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present as the celebrities take to the dance floor once again. This week, the pressure is really on, with viewers given the chance to vote for their favourite couples for the first time. As ever, judges Shirley Ballas, Bruno Tonioli, Darcey Bussell and Craig Revel Horwood will be offering their own unique words of wisdom and waving their scoring paddles. None of the duos will want to be the first to leave, but one of them will be waltzing off into the sunset when the results are announced tomorrow evening.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. **2.00** Cycling: Road World Championships. Jill Douglas introduces live coverage of the latter stages of the elite women's road race from Innsbruck, Austria, with the riders snaking across the Alps in pursuit of the title. **4.00** Final Score. Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of the classified results and this afternoon's news from the Premier League, EFL and Scotland. **5.20** BBC News. **5.30** Regional Programme. **5.40** Pointless Music Day Special. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a special BBC Music Day edition of the general knowledge quiz, featuring Lianne La Havas, Shaun Keaveny and Amy Macdonald.

6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present as the celebrities take to the dance floor once again, with viewers given the chance to vote for their favourite couples for the first time.

8.35 Casualty. Ruby and Iain are less than pleased to be working a shift together and their day goes from bad to worse when they are pranked by a group of children and have to deal with an emergency labour. Duffy confides in an old flame.

9.25 Killing Eve. Villanelle lures Eve to Berlin by using the agent's name while carrying out the murder of a Chinese army colonel, and trails the MI5 officer as she and Bill investigate the killing. While Eve and Bill chase up a number of promising leads, Villanelle enjoys the cat-and-mouse nature of their proximity. But as they draw closer, Eve comes to realise that this is much more than just a game. Spy thriller, starring Jodie Comer.

10.10 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Chelsea v Liverpool at Stamford Bridge and West Ham United v Manchester United at London Stadium.

12.00 The NFL Show. Mark Chapman is joined by Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell to present highlights of Thursday night's game – Los Angeles Rams v Minnesota Vikings at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. **12.30** Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.30 Top Class. (R) **7.00** Marrying Mum and Dad. (R) **7.30** All Over the Place: Europe. (R) **8.00** The Dengineers. (R) **8.30** Absolute Genius with Dick & Dom. (R) **9.00** Planet Dinosaur. (R) **9.30** Elephant Diaries. (R) **10.00** The Animal's Guide to Britain. (R) **11.00** Natural World. (R) **12.00** The Incredible Spice Men. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Great British Menu. (R) **1.30** Great British Menu. (R) **2.00** Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food. (R) **2.30** Scrappers – Back in the Yard. (R) **3.00** Saving Lives at Sea. (R) **4.00** Cycling: Road World Championships. Further live coverage from Innsbruck, Austria. **4.55** Trust Me, I'm a Doctor. (R) **5.25** Monkman & Seagull's Genius Guide to Britain. (R) **5.55** Dad's Army. (R)

6.30 South Korea: Earth's Hidden Wilderness. Documentary exploring the wildlife, traditions and landscape in the country's rural areas. The programme features footage of dolphins swimming alongside conch divers in the volcanic islands of Jeju, a falconer flying a goshawk in the country's mountainous forests, and raccoon dogs hunting for cicadas that only emerge from underground once every five years. (R)

7.30 Princess Margaret: The Rebel Royal. Part two of two. Experts analyse the Princess's marriage to Lord Snowdon at the start of the 1960s as the VIPs ride the wave of a cultural revolution. (R)

8.30 Golf: Ryder Cup Highlights. Eilidh Barbour presents action from day two of the 42nd Ryder Cup from the Albatros Course of Le Golf National near Paris, where Europe took on USA. The United States ended a run of six defeats in seven Ryder Cups with a dominant home victory two years ago, but they have not won in Europe since 1993. With commentary from Peter Alliss, Ken Brown, Andrew Cotter and Ned Michaels.

10.30 Live at the Apollo. Dane Baptiste presents stand-up comedy from the Hammersmith Apollo in west London, introducing sets by Desiree Burch and Chris McCausland. (R)

11.00 Later Weekend with Jools Holland.

12.05 Gareth Malone's All Star Music Quiz. **12.35 Film:** Department Q: The Keeper of Lost Causes. (2013) **2.05** Trust. (R) **3.00** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dana. **6.10** Super 4. (R) **6.25** Super 4. (R) **6.35** Make It Pop. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Cut the Rope: Om Nom Stories. (R) **7.05** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.15** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.30** ToonMarty. (R) **7.40** ToonMarty. (R) **7.55** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.25** Spy School. (R) **8.55** The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** James Martin's Saturday Morning. **11.40** The Martin Lewis Money Show Live – Christmas Countdown. (R) **12.50** The Island Strait. (R) **1.20** The X Factor. (R) **2.20** ITV News; Weather. **2.30** WOS Wrestling. **3.30** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **4.30** The Chase. (R) **5.30** ITV News; Weather. **5.45** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.55 Film:** Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire. (2005) Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe.

8.35 The X Factor. The competition reaches a new level as the dramatic Six Chair Challenge returns, promising amazing performances alongside agonising decisions for judges Robbie Williams, Ayda Williams, Louis Tomlinson and Simon Cowell, as they must each decide on the final six acts they will take through to their Judges' House. However, even if they win a seat, the contestants face an anxious wait as no one is safe until the last person in each category has sung. Each judge is able to change their mind at any point, swapping an act already through with someone else who comes on and out-performs them. Presented by Dermot O'Leary.

10.05 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host chats to The Great British Bake Off stars Paul Hollywood, Prue Leith and Noel Fielding, as well as comedian Mo Gilligan. With music from Olly Murs.

11.10 ITV News; Weather.

11.30 Film: Hellboy II: The Golden Army. (2008) The demon hero battles a renegade elf prince, who plans to reawaken an unstoppable robot army and destroy mankind. Action fantasy sequel, starring Ron Perlman and Selma Blair.

1.25 Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.00** Long Lost Family. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **9.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** The Simpsons. (R) **11.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **12.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.25** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.25** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.25** The People's Vet. **4.30** Formula 1: Russian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Britain at Low Tide. Tori Herridge explores the Severn Estuary, investigating a mysterious ruin on a bleak island. Along the coast she visits the site of the medieval village of Sudbrook, which simply disappeared into the sea, and finds out how important the ferry crossing at Aust was during the 20th century. The presenter also investigates the story behind the very first attempt to build a tunnel underneath the Severn. At the moment, all this archaeology is available to anyone to see, but rising sea levels and coastal erosion mean it won't be long before it's all swept away. (R)

8.00 Britain's Most Historic Towns. Alice Roberts explores the UK's past through the stories of its towns, examining key periods in history by delving into the secrets of places that encapsulate them. In the first episode, Alice tells the story of Roman Britain by studying the history of Chester. She enjoys an authentic Roman feast, heads deep underground to check out an extraordinary archaeological find, and explores a radical theory regarding the Romans' plans for Chester. (R)

9.00 Film: Lucy. (2014) A courier is kidnapped and forced to become a drug mule. When she is exposed to the experimental chemicals she is smuggling, it boosts her intelligence and reflexes to superhuman levels. She uses her newfound abilities to get revenge on her captors, but as the process continues, she evolves into something more than human. Sci-fi thriller, starring Scarlett Johansson and Morgan Freeman.

10.45 Film: Non-Stop. (2014)

12.45 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **1.35** Experimental. (R) **2.30** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.35** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. (R) **5.30** Buy It Now. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.20** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Cruising with Jane McDonald. (R) **10.45** The Wonderful World of Puppies. (R) **11.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.30 Film:** King Kong. (2005) Concluded.

6.05 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Stewart and Elmor see through a debtor's lies in Manchester, Gareth and Mitch are in for a surprise in Wiltshire and Matt and Garry seek almost £10,000 owed to a finance company. (R)

6.50 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Stewart and Vic take on an eviction case in Nottingham, where they find a volatile tenant who refuses to back down. The duo also chase £5,000 for an unpaid parking fine. (R)

7.35 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Matt and Garry try to recover more than £6,000 owed in nursery fees in Warwickshire, while Gary and Cona chased £11,000 owed by a businessman in West Sussex. (R)

8.30 5 News Weekend.

8.35 Albert: The Power Behind Victoria. Drama-documentary following the life of Queen Victoria's husband, examining his role as a driving force behind the industrial revolution, a leading influence on British culture, and a campaigner for the welfare of the country's working class communities. As nine pregnancies took their toll on the queen's health, Albert was driven to take up a far more active role until his early death at the age of 42.

10.40 Queen Victoria and Her Tragic Family. Following the story of the monarch after the death of her husband Albert, examining how her children rebelled against their mother one by one. (R)

11.40 Queen Victoria and Her Tragic Family. How Victoria struggled to perform her duties as a monarch and a mother throughout the 1860s, until she found a new influence in her life that relieved her depression. (R)

12.35 Queen Victoria and Her Tragic Family. (R) **1.30** SuperCasino. **3.10** Hunted and Confronted: Rogues and Raids. (R) **4.00** Walking Britain's Lost Railways. (R) **4.45** Wildlife SOS. (R)

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BBC Four

7.00 Monkey Planet **8.00** Big Cats **9.00** Mystery Road **10.40** Inside No 9 **11.40** Top of the Pops: 1986 **12.40** Roots, Reggae, Rebellion **1.40** Monkey Planet **2.40** Big Cats **3.40** Close

ITV2

12.00 The X Factor **1.05** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.05 Film:** The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **3.15** FYI Daily **3.20 Film:** The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **3.55 Film:** Despicable Me (2010) **4.55** FYI Daily **5.00 Film:** Despicable Me (2010) **5.50 Film:** Yes Man (2008) **6.55** FYI Daily **7.00 Film:** Yes Man (2008) **7.45 Film:** Quantum of Solace (2008) **8.45** FYI Daily **8.50 Film:** Quantum of Solace (2008) **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Family Guy **12.20** American Dad! **1.15** Through the Keyhole: I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **2.15** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.50 Agatha Christie's Poirot **6.55** Lewis **9.00** Endeavour **11.00** Vera **1.00** On the Buses **1.55** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

1.30 ITV Racing: Live from Newmarket. Coverage of the day's races at Newmarket and Haydock Park. **4.00 Film:** Tobruk (1967) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10 Film:** Tobruk (1967) **6.10** Made in Britain **7.15 Film:** Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment (1985) **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20 Film:** Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment (1985) **9.00 Film:** Rocky V (1990) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** Rocky V (1990) **11.10 Film:** Hard to Kill (1990) **12.10** FYI Daily **12.15 Film:** Hard to Kill (1990) **1.15** Better Late Than Never **2.05** The Americans **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.35 Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** The Great British Bake Off **4.15** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice **5.20** Extreme Cake Makers **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** A Good Day to Die Hard (2013) **10.55** Gogglebox **1.00** Rude Tube **2.05** Gogglebox **3.00** Celebs Go Dating

Film4

12.35 Mirror Mirror (2012) **2.50** Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011) **4.35** Carry On Nurse (1959) **6.20** Joy Interview Special **6.30** The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 1 (2014) **8.50** The Wife Interview Special **9.00** In Bruges (2008) **11.10** An American Werewolf in London (1981)

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£249**	£249	£3,000†	£19,893	£16,644	NIL

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£259**	£259	£1,700†	£21,282	£19,323	NIL

TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	OPTIONAL FINAL PAYMENT	ANNUAL MILEAGE	DURATION OF AGREEMENT	FIXED RATE OF INTEREST	REPRESENTATIVE APR (FIXED)
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Jenna Coleman

The Cry
(BBC1, 9pm)
Jenna Coleman stars in the first of a four-part dramatisation of Helen Fitzgerald's novel. Joanna travels with her partner Alistair and their baby son to Australia, where Alistair hopes to campaign for custody of his teenage daughter from a previous marriage. Their journey ends in tragedy when the child goes missing, with devastating psychological repercussions for the distraught mother. With Ewen Leslie, Stella Gonet, Markella Kavenagh and Asher Keddie.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **8.25** Match of the Day. (R) **10.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **11.00** Regional Programme. **11.30** Sunday Morning Live. **12.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **2.15** Points of View. **2.30** Songs of Praise. **3.05** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.05** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **5.00** Impossible Celebrities. **5.50** BBC News.

6.05 Regional Programme.

6.15 Countryfile. Sean Fletcher visits a habitat creation project in Herefordshire, which is home to otters, water rail, bitterns and grass snakes. Margherita Taylor visits an orchard where a popular medieval drink is being revived, Matt Baker takes a look ahead to this year's Children in Need Ramble, and Tom Heap reports on drug gangs targetting vulnerable rural children. Plus, John Craven announces the winner of this year's photographic competition. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman host the results of last night's show, revealing which of the couples will be first to leave the contest. Featuring a performance by George Ezra.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. A return visit to the historic Abbey Pumping station in Leicester, where playwright Joe Orton's sister brings in the typewriter on which he wrote some of his most important scripts.

9.00 The Cry. New series. Dramatisation of Helen Fitzgerald's novel about a mother dealing with the psychological repercussions of her child going missing. Starring Jenna Coleman.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews Sunday's Premier League action, featuring highlights of the one and only game of the day – Cardiff City v Burnley at the Cardiff City Stadium.

11.15 The Women's Football Show. A look at the biggest issues in the women's game, focusing on matters at both club and international level.

11.50 Film: You Again. (2010)

1.30 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 Great British Menu. (R) **6.35** Great British Menu. (R) **7.05** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.05** Countryfile. (R) **9.00** The Beechgrove Garden. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Athletics: Great Scottish Run. **1.45** Cycling: Road World Championships. The climax to the elite men's road race in Austria. **4.30** Super Small Animals. (R) **5.30** Grammar Schools: Who Will Get In? (R)

6.30 Before Grenfell: A Hidden History. The residents of Kensington and the community around Grenfell Tower tell the story, 150 years in the making, of how their borough became the most unequal place in Britain. Those local to the area share their memories of the dramatic events that shaped their community – from exploitation by notorious landlord Peter Rachman in the 1950s, to the first Notting Hill race riots, and the construction of Grenfell Tower in the 1970s. This is the untold story of a unique part of west London, revealing how its past has shaped its present. Narrated by Danny John-Jules. (R)

7.30 Golf: Ryder Cup Highlights. Eilidh Barbour presents action from day three of the 42nd Ryder Cup from the Albatros Course of Le Golf National near Paris, where Europe took on USA. With commentary from Peter Alliss, Ken Brown, Andrew Cotter and Ned Michaels.

9.30 Mock the Week. (R)

10.00 Motherland. Julia's child care problems are solved after she finds the perfect nanny, but her friendship with Liz is strained, and Amanda is keeping a low profile. Last in the series. (R)

10.30 No Activity. New series. Stokes and Hendy are assigned to stake out a house belonging to a couple who have been abducted – unaware the kidnappers are holding them in the basement.

10.55 No Activity. Neddy tries to explain rugby to Steve after a scandalous video of a player at a post-match party goes viral. Outside in the car, Stokes celebrates his birthday.

11.20 The Mighty Redcar. Tory activist Jade battles to win the hearts and minds of the predominantly Labour town. Last in the series. (R)

12.05 Billion Dollar Deals and How They Changed Your World. (R) **1.05** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **2.05** Holby City. (R) **3.00** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

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6.30 ITV News; Weather.

6.45 Regional Programme; Weather.

7.00 5 Gold Rings. Game show, hosted by Phillip Schofield, in which a married couple and two work colleagues compete to answer visual questions by placing rings on an LED floor in five increasingly difficult stages.

8.00 The X Factor. Dermot O'Leary hosts the second of the three Six Chair Challenge episodes, in which the acts perform individually before the judges choose who will be selected for the next stage. However, even if a contender is selected to go through to the next stage, the judges are free to change their minds and ditch them if a more promising alternative comes along later in the show.

9.00 Vanity Fair. Becky works out how to live well on nothing a year, but flies too high as she joins the dizzy ranks of lords, ladies and kings.

10.05 The Imitation Game. Alexander Armstrong hosts the impressions-based panel show, with Rory Bremner, Debra Stephenson, Jess Robinson and Lewis Macleod performing celebrity fairy tales.

10.40 ITV News; Weather.

11.05 Joanna Lumley's Silk Road Adventure. Joanna travels to the Islamic Republic of Iran, where she meets many people eager to share the culture and innovations of the Persian civilisation. (R)

12.00 Strangers. Jonah realises Megan was involved with Hong Kong's most dangerous players. (R) **12.50** Jackpot247. Interactive gaming. **3.00** Motorsport UK. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. Guests air their differences. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Motor Sport: British GT. **7.00** Motor Sport: FIA World Rallycross Championship. **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **12.55** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25 Film:** Bend It Like Beckham. (2002) Comedy, starring Parminder Nagra and Keira Knightley. **3.10** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **4.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.25** Grand Designs. (R)

6.25 Channel 4 News.

6.45 Formula 1: Russian Grand Prix Highlights. Steve Jones and David Coulthard present action from the 16th round of the season at the Sochi Autodrom. Lewis Hamilton went into this race with a 40-point lead in the standings over Sebastian Vettel, having won seven races so far this season, including four of the last five.

9.00 Celebrity Island with Bear Grylls. After two weeks on the island, three members of the team have already been driven to quit by the lack of food and brutal weather conditions. Pete Wicks has persuaded the remaining castaways to refrain from killing land animals for food, and they have survived on a diet of fish and yucca. However, they are struggling to catch any fish, and the group's resolve is sorely tested when a wild pig comes close to the camp. The desperate islanders are forced into a decision that sends shockwaves through the camp.

10.00 The Circle. Series assessing the impact of social media, in which individuals from all walks of life compete in a popularity contest to win up to £50,000.

11.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show's version of the words-and-numbers quiz, with Sean Lock and Sara Pascoe taking on Jon Richardson and Josh Widdicombe. (R)

12.00 Film: Before I Go to Sleep. (2014) Thriller, starring Nicole Kidman. **1.35** George Clarke's Amazing Houseboats. George Clarke recalls some of his favourite houseboat projects. (R) **2.30** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. The host helps a Portsmouth duo modernise their living room. (R) **3.25** Grand Designs New Zealand. A pastor and his wife plan to build a house on a crumbling cliff. (R) **4.20** Vet on the Hill. (R) **5.15** Buy It Now. (R) **5.40** Jamie's Comfort Food. (R) **5.50** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **6.30** Luo Bao Bei. (R) **6.40** Digby Dragon. (R) **6.50** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.00** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.25** Rusty Rivets. (R) **7.40** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.25** Nella the Princess Knight. **8.45** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.00** Pirata & Capitano. (R) **9.15** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **9.30** Floogals. (R) **9.50** Paw Patrol. (R) **10.00** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.20** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Cruising with Jane McDonald. (R) **10.45** Monkeys Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **11.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.30** Friends. (R) **1.00** Friends. (R) **1.30** Friends. (R) **2.00** Friends. (R) **2.30** Friends. (R) **3.00** Friends. (R) **3.30** Friends. (R) **4.00** Friends. (R) **4.25** Friends. (R) **4.55** Friends. (R) **5.25 Film:** Ace Ventura: Pet Detective. (1994) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey.

6.50 Film: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves. (1991) An English nobleman returns home from the crusades to find his father has been murdered and the local people are repressed by the tyrannical rule of the Sheriff of Nottingham. Branded an outlaw, he recruits a group of bandits to fight for justice and protect the downtrodden. Action adventure, starring Kevin Costner, Alan Rickman, Morgan Freeman and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio. Edited for language and violence.

7.50 5 News Update.

7.55 Film: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves. (1991) Concluded.

9.55 5 News Weekend.

10.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.

11.30 Film: The Bucket List. (2007) Two terminally ill men plan to enjoy the time they have left by working through a list of things they have always wanted to do. Comedy, starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman.

1.15 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.10** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild. (R) **4.00** Britain's Greatest Bridges. (R) **4.45** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** House Doctor. (R) **5.35** Great Scientists. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Engineering Giants: Jumbo Jet Strip-Down **8.00** James May's Cars of the People **9.00** Farther and Sun: A Dyslexic Road Trip **10.00** Feud: Bette and Joan **11.45** The Last Explorers **12.45** Treasures of Ancient Greece **1.45** Pappano's Classical Voices **2.45** James May's Cars of the People **3.45** Close

ITV2

11.45 The X Factor **1.15** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.45 Film:** Twister (1996) **2.45** FYI Daily **2.50 Film:** Twister (1996) **4.00 Film:** The LEGO Movie (2014) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10 Film:** The LEGO Movie (2014) **6.00 Film:** Despicable Me 2 (2013) **7.00** FYI Daily **7.05 Film:** Despicable Me 2 (2013) **8.00 Film:** The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05 Film:** The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006) **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30** The Cleveland Show **12.55** Ghosted **1.25** Release the Hounds: Famous & Freaked **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.55 Film: Carry On Girls (1973) **2.40 Film:** Columbo: Sex and the Married Detective (1989) **4.40** Foyle's War **9.00** Lewis **11.05** Wire in the Blood **1.10** A Touch of Frost **3.00** Road to Avonlea **4.35** Murder, She Wrote **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

6.30 Football's Greatest: Johan Cruyff **6.50** Pawn Stars **7.20 Film:** Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **8.20** FYI Daily **8.25 Film:** Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **9.00 Film:** The Blues Brothers (1980) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** The Blues Brothers (1980) **11.40** River Monsters **12.45** BRDC Formula 3 Highlights **1.45** The Avengers **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine **12.25** Young Sheldon **1.30** The Big Bang Theory **4.55 Film:** Ice Age: The Meltdown (2006) **6.45 Film:** Back to the Future Part III (1990) **9.00** Krypton **11.00** The Inbetweeners **12.05** The Big Bang Theory **1.05** Krypton **2.55** Rude Tube **3.20** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 The House of Magic (2013) **12.45** Anna and the King (1999) **3.35** Speed 2: Cruise Control (1997) **6.00** Star Trek Into Darkness Interview Special **6.10** The Abyss (1989) **9.00** Taken 2 (2012) **10.50** The Watch (2012) **12.55** A Private Function (1984) **2.55** Close



5 OF THE BEST



Safe standing proves a big success for Shrews

THE country's first safe standing area has been declared an outstanding success – and clubs including Villa, Wolves and Albion have taken note.

In the six weeks since being unveiled, the area at Shrewsbury Town's New Meadow ground has been a big hit with fans.

And with an average occupancy rate of 76 per cent per game, the section has more than paid its way. Supporters also say it offers a safe option for those who want to stand to watch their football. The system of railed terraces, pioneered in Germany, was brought to Shrewsbury in the close season.

Now it is now hoped the safe standing area will lead the way for clubs up and down the country.

Mandarins

Villa, Wolves and Albion have all expressed an interest in bringing in safe standing, despite West Brom seeing a proposal to convert 3,600 seats in the Smethwick End into 'rail' seats was rejected by ministers earlier this year.

For West Bromwich East MP Tom Watson, the early success of Shrewsbury's scheme – which saw nearly 1,700 fans use the area in the club's first four home games – should provide food for thought for the Government.

"It's ridiculous that it is mandarins in Whitehall that get to decide rather than fans and local safety authorities.

"The clamour from clubs like Albion shows the widespread desire to allow safe standing. Labour believes that local safety authorities and clubs should have the power to make their own decisions. The Government should agree to this too."



Safe standing has been welcomed by Shrewsbury Town supporters

It remains a sensitive issue post-Hillsborough, but Glasgow giants Celtic have proved it can be adopted safely on a large scale. Shrewsbury Town chief executive Brian Caudwell said: "Our average so far is 423 per game and we are delighted with that level of occupancy."

The safe standing area includes seats that are fully retractable and a rail for each supporter.

It completely removes the risk of surges of the type that can cause crush injuries.

Standing in English football's top two divisions was outlawed by the Football Spectators' Act in 1989 following the Hillsborough disaster.

Wolves have said they are interested in exploring the possibility of a safe standing area at Molineux, and a poll of 3,000 supporters showed 90 per cent in favour.

Villa pioneered the idea back in 2012, when the club earmarked the corner stand where the Holte End meets the Trinity Road for 'rail' seats.

In a wider survey run by the EFL, 94 per cent of the 33,000 respondents from across the country said fans should be allowed to choose whether they wanted to stand or sit at games.

And in a Premier League survey, 70 per cent of fans who attended games agreed in principle that standing should be offered as a choice.


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Garage & driveway

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It has an entrance hall with stairs off to the first floor, a downstairs guest WC, a kitchen overlooking the front aspect and a spacious rear living room, completing the ground floor.

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- Two good sized bedrooms
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- MAster bedroom with ensuite
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- Refitted kitchen/diner
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- Garden to rear
- Off road parking
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- Newly fitted kitchen
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- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
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- Driveway and garage
- Private drive location
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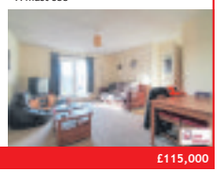

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- En suite to master
- Spacious layout
- Allocated parking
- Popular location
- A must see


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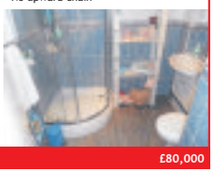


Fern Drive, Great Wyrley,
- Detached home
- Large conservatory
- Five bedrooms
- Garage
- Utility room
- Downstairs WC

£330,000



Apple Walk, Cannock,
- Large layout
- Secluded set of apartment blocks
- Allocated parking
- Ideal investment or first time purchase
- No upward chain


£80,000

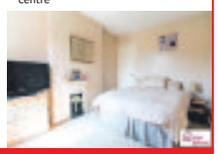


Huntington Terrace Road, Can-
- Three bedrooms
- Off road parking
- Large enclosed rear garden
- Well presented
- Generous room sizes
- A must see


£140,000



Wolverhampton Road, Cannock,
- Three bedrooms
- Unique rear garden
- Well presented
- Close to local shops and amenities
- Within walking distance of town centre


£135,000

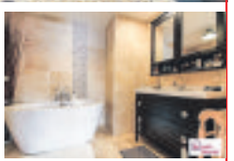


Cannock Road, Featherstone,
- Three bedrooms
- Garage
- Ideal access into Cannock
- Close to M54 and M6
- Local amenities within walking distance

£140,000







School Lane, Shareshill,
- Three bedrooms
- Bungalow
- Stunning presentation throughout
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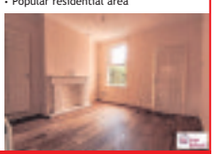


Sweetbriar Way, Cannock,
- Popular location
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Garage
- Allocated parking
- A must see

£165,000

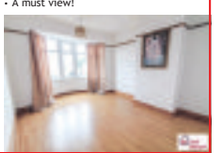


Hednesford Road, Cannock,
- Terrace property
- Ideal first time buy or investment
- Two bedrooms
- Off road parking
- Enclosed rear garden
- Popular residential area


£110,000



Rumer Hill Road, Cannock,
- Three bedrooms
- Large garden
- Semi detached
- Popular location
- Spacious rooms
- A must view!


£165,000

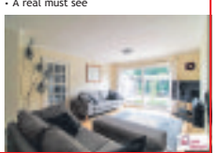


Dartmouth Avenue, Cannock,
- Four bedrooms
- Immensely popular location
- Three bathrooms
- Close to local amenities and schools
- Good transport links
- Large garden

£265,000



Kinross Avenue, Hednesford,
- Bungalow
- Immaculately presented
- Three bedrooms
- Large driveway
- Low maintenance rear garden
- A real must see


£225,000



Greenwood Park, Hednesford,
- Views over Cannock Chase
- Conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Popular residential area
- Well presented
- Low maintenance rear garden

£155,000



Railway View, Cannock,
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking
- No upward chain
- Modern building
- Good investment or first time buy
- A real must see


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Broadmeadow Lane, Great Wyrley,
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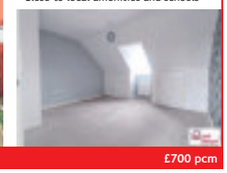


Uxbridge Street, Hednesford,
- Two bedrooms
- Close to shops
- Ground floor
- Allocated parking
- Communal gardens
- Close to local amenities

£450 pcm



Forge Terrace, Churchbridge,
- Three bedrooms
- Town house
- Three floors
- Sought after location
- Kitchen
- Close to local amenities and schools



£700 pcm

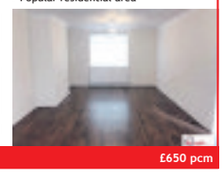


Rembrandt Close, Cannock,
- Three bedrooms
- Cul de sac location
- Family home
- Newly fitted kitchen
- Newly laid garden
- Partially furnished

£625 pcm



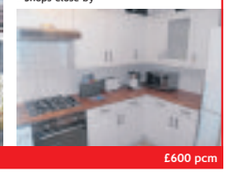
Moore Street, Hednesford,
- Three bedrooms
- Large garden
- Semi detached
- Garage
- Well presented
- Popular residential area



£650 pcm



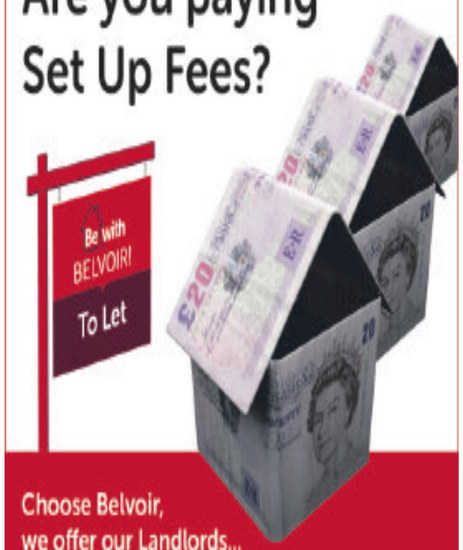
Peregrine Way, Heath Hayes,
- Two bedrooms
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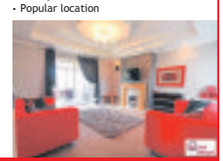


Victoria Street, Cannock,
- Spacious one bedroom flat
- Off road parking
- Fitted kitchen
- Fitted bathroom
- Popular area
- Close to local amenities

£425 pcm



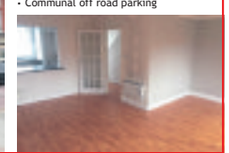
Hunter Road, Cannock,
- Semi detached
- Plentiful living space
- Three bedrooms
- Brick built shed to rear
- Family home
- Popular location



£750 pcm



Cannock Road, Cannock,
- Maisonette
- Three bedrooms
- Above local amenities
- Close to local transport links
- Ready to move in
- Communal off road parking



£500 pcm



Heath Street, Hednesford,
- Two bedrooms
- Rear garden
- Popular location
- Newly fitted bathroom
- Reasonably sized living space
- A must see

£450 pcm



Heath Street, Cannock,
- Three bedrooms
- Deceptively spacious
- Garage
- Dining room and breakfast kitchen
- Popular location
- Garden to rear

£575 pcm



Wootons Court, Cannock,
- One bedroom
- Lounge
- Communal hallway
- Kitchen
- Fitted bathroom
- Allocated parking

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£450,000

Rugeley Road
HAZEL SLADE



Stunning four bedroom detached new build family home / Sought after rural location of Hazel Slade and backs directly onto Cannock Chase / Substantial rear garden / Off Road parking / High spec dining

£375,000

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Watermint Close
WIMBLEBURY



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Stag Drive
HUNTINGTON



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£300,000

Kingfisher Drive
HEDNESFORD



Immaculately presented three bedroom detached bungalow / Set on large secluded plot / Large private driveway for up to four vehicles / Substantial landscaped rear & side gardens / Spacious living &

£300,000

Shugborough Way
HEATH HAYES



Superbly maintained & well presented four bedroom detached family home / Substantial amount of work carried out by current vendors / Additional conservatory / Rear garage conversion / Further sitting

£280,000

Deavall Way
HEATH HAYES



Five bedroom detached family home / Superb dormer style extension / Second floor master bedroom with en-suite / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Driveway with parking for up to three vehicles / Good

£280,000

Stafford Lane
HEDNESFORD



Immaculately presented three bedroom detached house / Substantially improved property / Spacious lounge / Good sized bedrooms / Garage and driveway

£260,000

Woodfield Drive
NORTON CANES



Well presented three bedroom detached bungalow / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Driveway for up to three vehicles / Landscaped low maintenance rear garden / Modern fitted kitchen / Part converted attic

Offers in Excess of £240,000

Dorchester Road
CANNOCK



Three bedroom detached family home / Sits on large corner plot / Two car driveway & garage / Large private rear garden / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation

Offers in the Region Of £240,000

Corsican Drive
HEDNESFORD



Well presented four bedroom detached house / Set on sought after residential estate

Offers in Excess of £235,000

Sandford Close
RUGELEY



Well presented three bedroom detached home / Tastefully decorated & finished to excellent standard throughout / Superb open plan re-fitted dining kitchen / Rear conservatory

£235,000

Heron Street
RUGELEY



Unique three bedroom semi detached character property / Spacious lounge & separate dining room / Versatile cellar with light & power points / Charming good sized private rear garden / Detached garage

Offers in Excess of £220,000

Raven Close
HEDNESFORD



Immaculately presented three-four bedroom semi detached house / Set on quiet cul-de-sac / Tastefully decorated & completely refurbished to excellent standard throughout / Modern fitted open

£195,000

Edwards Croft
CANNOCK



superbly presented two bedroom detached bungalow / Situated down quiet cu-de-sac / Occupying desirable end corner plot / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Modern fitted breakfast kitchen

Offers in the Region Of £180,000

Juniper Close
HAZEL SLADE



Immaculately presented three bedroom semi detached family home / New high spec Howdens fitted kitchen / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Fully refurbished / Spacious lounge diner / semi rural area / Garage

Offers in Excess of £180,000

Pheasant Way
HEATH HAYES



Well presented three bedroom end of terrace house / NO CHAIN / Parking to the rear plus a separate garage / Good sized lounge / Private rear garden / En-suite to the master

£170,000

Rumer Hill Road
CANNOCK



Well presented three bedroom semi detached house / Built in popular 1930s style / Property retains plenty of character & charm throughout / Two spacious reception rooms / Kitchen & useful pantry

Offers in Excess of £165,000

Chapel Street
NORTON CANES



Modern finished two bedroom semi detached house / Ideal for first time buyers & investors / Off road parking on private driveway for three vehicles / Landscaped private rear garden / Modern fitted

£150,000

Stevens Drive
HEDNESFORD



Two bedroom semi detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac / Driveway with off road parking / New carpets in the lounge, stairs and landing / New bathroom

£140,000

Grove Close
CANNOCK



Two bedroom semi detached house / End of a quiet sought after cul-de-sac / Good sized lounge / Modern fitted open plan kitchen-diner / Modern fitted shower room / Good sized rear garden / Parking for

£140,000

Brooklyn Road
HEATH HAYES



Two bedroom end terraced house / Quiet cul-de-sac / Modern re-fitted kitchen and bathroom / Good sized low maintenance private rear garden / Off road residents parking

Offers in Excess of £140,000

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CANNOCK



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Offers in Excess of £140,000

Chequers Court
NORTON CANES



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Offers in Excess of £130,000

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CANNOCK



Well presented two bedroom semi-detached house / Good sized corner plot / Kitchen-diner / Driveway for several vehicles / Private rear garden

£130,000

Stafford Street
HEATH HAYES



NO ONWARD CHAIN / Immaculately presented two bedroom terraced house / Tastefully brought up to modern standard whilst maintaining plenty of original charm

Offers in Excess of £130,000

Bradbury Lane
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• Lounge • EPC = D

Uxbridge Street Hednesford



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• Period Two Bedroom Terraced House
• Lounge & Sitting Room
• Upstairs Bathroom
• Courtyard Garden
• Close To Amenities • EPC = D

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• Open Plan Living
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• En-suite Shower Room
• Allocated Parking Space • EPC = D

Harrison Road Cannock



£145,000

• Three Bedroom Semi Detached
• Well Presented
• Generous Rear Garden
• Modern Kitchen Diner
• Popular Location • EPC = E

The Brambles Norton Canes



£170,000

• Superbly Presented Semi Detached House
• Fitted Kitchen & Rear Lounge
• Downstairs Guest Wc & Upstairs Refitted Bathroom
• Three Bedrooms
• Garage & Driveway • EPC = E

Fair Lady Drive Burntwood



£325,000

• Stunning Detached House
• Four Bedrooms
• En-Suite
• Garage
• Corner Plot • EPC = D

Bilberry Bank Hednesford



£144,950

• Well Presented Semi Detached House
• Fitted Breakfast Kitchen & Downstairs Guest WC
• Rear Lounge & Versatile Play Room/Office
• Three Bedrooms & Conservatory
• No Chain & Garage in Separate Block • EPC = D

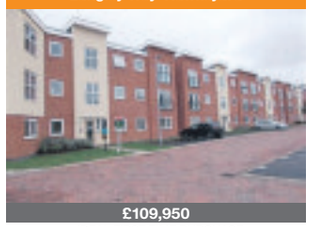
Bradbury Lane Hednesford



£165,000

• Semi Detached Bungalow
• Superbly Modernised Throughout
• Stylish Refitted Kitchen
• Contemporary Refitted Bathroom
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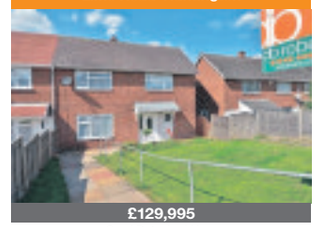
Lowland Road Cannock



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• Renovated Throughout
• Three Bedrooms
• Large Dual Aspect Lounge
• Enclosed Rear Garden with Storage
• Driveway • EPC = F

Lime Road Huntington



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• Lounge & Kitchen Diner
• Downstairs Guest WC & Upstairs Wet Room
• Three Bedrooms
• No Chain • EPC = TBC

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• Two Bedroom Mid Town House
• Immaculately Presented Throughout
• Lounge & Kitchen
• Upstairs Stylish Bathroom & Downstairs Guest WC
• Ideal First Time Purchase • EPC = C

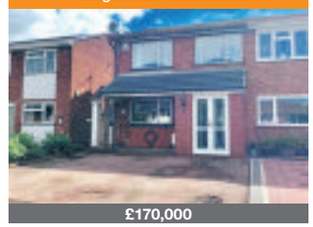
Maycroft Close Hednesford



£137,950

• Well Presented End Terrace House
• Ideal First Time Purchase
• Two Bedrooms
• Lounge & Kitchen Diner
• Cul De Sac Location • EPC = D

Stringers Hill Hednesford



£170,000

• Semi Detached House
• Three Bedrooms
• Additional Shower Room
• Splendid Backdrop
• Cul-de-sac Location • EPC = D

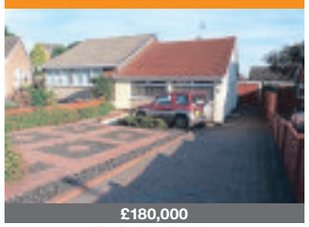
Stagborough Way Hednesford



£179,995

• Well Presented Semi Detached Bungalow
• Front Sitting Room & Kitchen
• Two Bedrooms
• Refitted Wet Room
• Conservatory & No Chain • EPC = D

Balmoral Drive Cannock



£180,000

• Two Bedroom Bungalow
• Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
• Shower Room
• Rear Garden & Garage
• Cul-de-Sac Location • EPC = D

Eden Close Heath Hayes



£195,000

• Link Detached Family Home
• Pleasant Cul De Sac Location
• Lounge & Breakfast Kitchen
• Three Bedrooms
• Sought After Locality • EPC = D

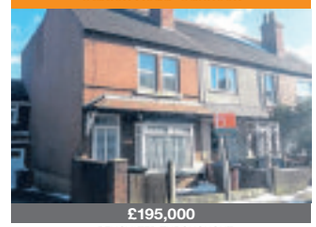
Caversham Mews Bridgtown



£195,000

• Immaculately Presented Semi Detached House
• Three Bedrooms
• No Upward Chain & Rear Garage
• Lounge & Stylish Kitchen Diner
• Downstairs Guest W.C & Ensuite Shower Room • EPC = C

Station Road Cannock



£195,000

• RENOVATED THROUGHOUT
• NO UPWARD CHAIN
• Four Bedrooms & Two Bathrooms
• Two Reception Rooms
• Very Large Cellar, Spacious Enclosed Rear Garden • EPC = E

Old Penkridge Road Cannock



£250,000

• Exceptional Extended Detached Bungalow
• Fully Renovated Throughout
• Two Double Bedrooms
• Stylish Refitted Kitchen Diner
• Desirable Location • EPC = TBC

Bradbury Court Hednesford



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• Immaculately Presented Double Fronted Detached
• Three Double Bedrooms
• Superb Bathroom and En suite Shower Room
• Stylish Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
• Conservatory • EPC = D

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• Garden To The Rear With Access Into Woodlands • EPC =D

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A fresh teaser for the new Kodiaq vRS from Škoda

Another day, another teaser for the Škoda Kodiaq vRS – with the performance-orientated SUV set to debut at next month's Paris Motor Show.

Having trickled a few details and images into the public domain in recent months, the Czech firm has revealed some more information about the car before it's seen in full.

The Škoda Kodiaq vRS will be distinguishable from the rest of the SUV's range thanks to a host of black accents – namely the grille, roof rails, window frames and wing mirrors.



There will be a host of black accents

Racier

Other vRS hallmarks include two exhaust pipes at the back, along with a red reflector covering the width of the Kodiaq. Adding to the racier look is a set of 20-inch alloy wheels, housing 17-inch brake discs complete with red callipers.

The icing on the cake? A newly designed vRS logo, which sees the 'v' now finished in red, rather than the chrome or green of previous machines to wear the badge.

Škoda says this 'symbolises the sportiness and power of the vRS family', with the badge on the front grille and at the rear of the car.

Previously revealed information includes its 2.0-litre twin-turbocharged diesel engine, which will send 236bhp to all four wheels. No word yet on what that means for performance, but Nurburgring expert Sabine Schmitz managed to take a prototype around the 12.9-mile 'Green Hell' in 9:29.84 – a lap record for seven-seat cars.

The Škoda Kodiaq vRS will be revealed in full at the Paris Motor Show, taking place from October 4 to 14.

Expect to hear more on pricing, specifications and availability following that.

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Toyota celebrates 20 years of the Yaris



The Yaris Y20 has a classic gold colour

Toyota is celebrating the 20th anniversary of its European best-selling hatchback the Yaris with a new special edition – the Y20.

Debuting as part of a revised range for the third-generation hatchback, the Yaris Y20 brings a classic gold colour that appeared on the first car to the new machine but gives it a modern twist with a bi-tone dark grey roof.

That hue will be limited to 1,998 units – marking the Yaris's 1998 debut – but more colours will follow, namely silver, white or black, each with a bi-tone roof.

A number of grey highlights will also help to distinguish the Y20 – including on the 16-inch alloy wheels, side mouldings, front grille, door mirror casings and fog light surrounds. The theme continues inside, with a dark grey centre console and steering wheel inserts, along with a new check-patterned fabric upholstery. Satin chrome air vents feature too, as do black floor mats with silver edging.

The icing on the cake is Y20 badging at the rear of the car and on the instrument panel.

There is no word yet on powertrain options, but expect the trim to be available for both the 1.5-litre petrol option and its hybrid sibling.

The Toyota Yaris Y20 will join the GR Sport to swell the hatchback's range, with the latter taking inspiration from the limited-run GRMN hot hatch with a number of racy additions.

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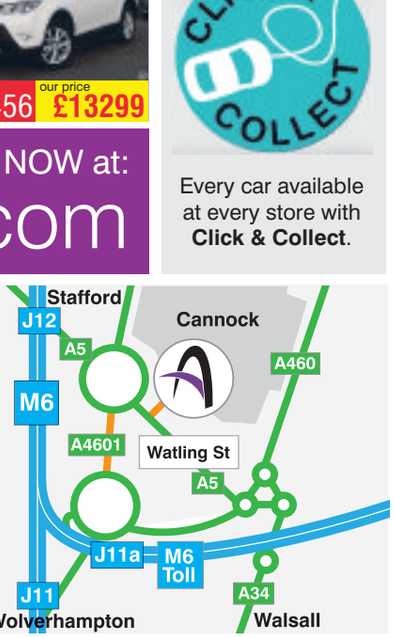
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Eye-catching design, crossover utility and a zero-emissions powertrain

New Kia e-Niro has driving range of up to 301 miles

The all-new Kia e-Niro will offer owners a driving range of up to 301 miles (485 kilometres)* on a single charge when it goes on-sale across Europe at the end of this year.

The e-Niro, Kia's first fully-electric crossover utility vehicle, will be revealed in European specification at the 2018 Paris Motor Show next week, before sales begin later this year.

European homologation on the WLTP combined cycle has confirmed the 301 range for the e-Niro when powered by the high-capacity 64 kWh lithium-ion polymer battery.

On the WLTP 'urban' test cycle, the e-Niro is capable of travelling for up to 382 miles (615 km) – further than many petrol cars.

Plugged into a 100 kW fast charger, it takes only 54 minutes to recharge the e-Niro's 64 kWh battery to 80 per cent.

The car's standard 39.2 kWh power pack has also been rated, offering drivers up to 193 miles (312 km) of zero-emissions motoring on a full charge (WLTP combined cycle).

Capable

The e-Niro will be one of the most capable electric vehicles when sales commence, combining driving enjoyment, eye-catching design, crossover utility and a zero-emissions powertrain. The new e-Niro joins existing Hybrid and Plug-in Hybrid variants of the Niro – of which more than 200,000 have sold globally since its introduction in 2016. To date, Europe has accounted for more than 65,000 sales of the hybrid crossover.

Models equipped with the long-distance 64 kWh battery pack are paired with a 150 kW (204 ps) motor, producing 395 Nm torque, enabling the e-Niro to accelerate from 0-to-100 kph in just 7.8 seconds.

The standard 39.2 kWh battery pack is matched to a 100 kW (136 ps) motor, also producing 395 Nm torque, and accelerating to 100 kph from a standstill in 9.8 seconds.

Like the Niro Hybrid and Plug-in Hybrid variants, the e-Niro is front-wheel drive.

The e-Niro provides owners with a range of technologies to enhance battery efficiency and improve the car's range, including regenerative braking, Coasting Guide Control (CGC), and Predictive Energy Control (PEC).

The technologies enable drivers to recharge the battery pack and maximise vehicle range when coasting or braking. CGC and PEC are linked to the navigation system and account for upcoming corners and topographic changes, suggesting when drivers could coast in order to harvest additional energy.

The e-Niro will be covered by Kia's industry-leading 7-Year, 100,000-miles warranty as standard. The warranty also covers the battery pack and electric motor.

Full UK specification, pricing and on-sale date will be announced in due course.

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Ford Data Services solutions for European fleet customers



Fleet operators will be able to view data directly

Ford is to bring two new connected vehicle solutions to European fleet customers early next year.

Through its Ford Commercial Solutions (FCS) unit, Ford is developing a range of connected vehicle solutions to enable fleet customers to manage their vehicles more easily and conveniently, helping them to run their business more efficiently.

Ford Telematics will provide fleet operators with the ability to view data from connected Ford vehicles in their fleet through the Ford Telematics application. Using information collected from the vehicle, an intuitive web-based portal provides useful insights to help improve fleet efficiency and driver safety, enabling fleet owners, managers and employees to view fleets in near real-time and gain rapid insights into fleet performance.

Ford recognises that some larger fleets may wish to work with their own in-house or third-party system providers to develop bespoke vehicle solutions to meet their needs. That is why Ford has designed Ford Data Services, which gives large company fleets, telematics service providers and fleet management companies direct access to valuable OEM-grade vehicle data.

Taking advantage of Ford vehicles' build-in modem, Ford Data Services transfers vehicle data directly from the vehicle to the cloud without the need for additional third-party hardware, management or installation downtime. From there, the vehicle data is relayed to the fleet's internal IT system or third-party provider.

"Today's fleets are under huge pressure to deliver safe, efficient and legal operations," said Dave Phatak, director of Ford Commercial Solutions, Europe. "That is why we are developing a range of connectivity-based solutions for our fleet customers to allow them to focus on what matters most: running their business."

Ford Telematics and Ford Data Services are the first new products from the FCS business in Europe, a unit within Ford Smart Mobility. They build upon Ford's new connected vehicle ecosystem – Ford vehicle connectivity technology, Ford Transportation Mobility Cloud and Ford mobility solutions – enabling them to benefit from Ford's continuous vehicle improvement, data know-how and expertise, and access to the latest data signals.

Insights from fleet owners, managers and employees across industries have helped to inform the new solutions. By placing its customers at the centre of the development process, Ford is helping fleet owners spend less time managing their vehicles and more time managing their business.

And, because Ford designs the vehicles – their technology, data systems and electrical architecture – it is able to provide the newest updates and vehicle signals as soon as they become available, delivering insights as quickly as customers need them.

Ford has already announced that, by 2020, it will provide connectivity across its entire vehicle range in Europe. Ford will launch Ford Telematics and Ford Data Services in Europe in the spring of 2019, arriving in the U.K. and Germany first with further markets to follow.

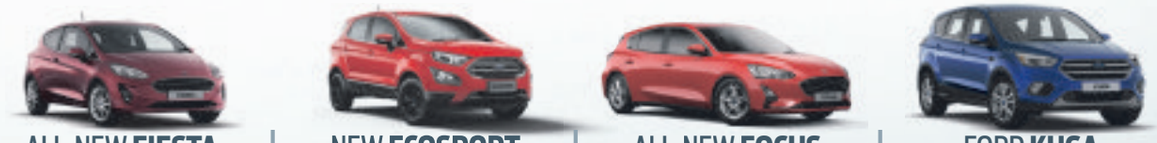
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Birthdays



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Formerly of Greenwood Ave, West Chadsmoor and an Ivy House nurse. Jean married Scottish naval sailor, Tommy at St.Luke's Church - Feb, 1951 before moving to Saltcoats.
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Births

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Bev and Mark
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Deaths

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FARNATH
Donald Horace

Passed away, August 28, 2018, after a short illness.

Funeral at St Michael's Church, Brereton at 11.30am on Wednesday, October 3 and afterwards at Stafford Crematorium.

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KIRKHAM
Brenda
(Brenda Pritchard-Jones)

Brenda Peacefully passed away at home, on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, surrounded by her Family.

Brenda aged 96 was a very well known character in the Rugeley area and was loved by many.

She leaves behind three surviving Children Brenda, Hilda and Archie along with a multitude of Nieces, Nephews, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and Great-Great Grandchildren.

Brenda's Funeral Service is to take place at Stafford Crematorium, Tixal Road, ST18 0XZ, on September 27, 2018 at 1.30pm.

Anyone wishing to show their respects to Brenda are very welcome to do so at both the Service and afterwards at Lea Hall working mens club, Rugeley, WS15 2LB.

Brenda's smiling face and sense of humour is going to be very dearly missed.

MANSFIELD
Sadie

My loving Wife passed away, September 4.

Funeral at Stafford Crematorium, October 1, 12.30pm.

Family flowers only.

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PERKS
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SMALLMAN
Betty
nee Essex

Of Hednesford.

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WOOD
Brenda Amy

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Brenda was much loved and will be missed dearly by all of her Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at St Thomas' Church, Huntington at 1pm, followed by a Burial at Cannock Cemetery.

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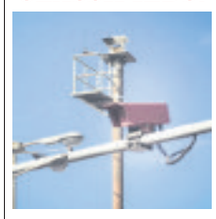
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC
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Case Officer – Claire Faulkner

Location: Rugeley Police Amateur Boxing Club, Wellington Drive, Rugeley, WS152JX

CH/18/334 - Proposed side extension to existing gymnasium

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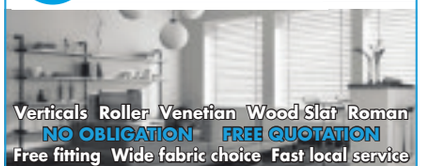
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Wolves duo to make debut on microphone

GEORGE ELOKOBI and Matt Jarvis are heading back to Wolverhampton – to make their debut on a microphone! The popular former Wolves duo will join Chris Iwelumo, who has carved out a successful media career since retirement, as guests at the latest event for Molineux fans at the Cleveland Arms.

Hosted by former goalkeeper Matt Murray, it takes place on Thursday, November 29 and all VIP packages have already been sold. Only standard tickets at £10 remain.

Murray said: "George and Matt haven't done this kind of thing before but they said yes straight away when they were asked to come along. All three lads are really looking forward to meeting the Wolves fans again.

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Chairman Terry Shinton with special guest Doreen Tipton



A winning team – the Wolverhampton Sunday League's committee

THERE was plenty of laughter as the Wolverhampton Sunday League celebrated its 60th anniversary in style.

The Queen of the Black Country, Doreen Tipton, proved a smash hit on a night to remember for the league's hard-working committee.

Around 150 former players, officials and guests were kept entertained by Doreen's, (Gill Jordan to give her her real name), unique brand of humour with chairman Terry Shinton revealing it was a casual remark from his sister Tina that planted the idea of adding a female touch to proceedings.

"We had Ian 'Sludge' Lees at the previous event, so we were thinking along the same lines, a Black Country comedian because that's what we are, really, a Black Country league," said Shinton. "And Gill, sorry Doreen, was brilliant. She was great and stayed around afterwards to have numerous pictures taken.

"There was some good work by all the committee to organise the evening. Everybody mucked in and got things done and it was great to see it turn out to be such a success."

Battling

And after toasting their latest milestone well into the night in the Hayward Suite at Molineux, the league's committee are now turning their attentions to the serious issue of attracting new sides to sign up for Sunday morning action.

Leagues across the country are battling against falling participation numbers and the Wolverhampton Sunday is no different.

In recent years the area has seen the Dudley & Cradley Heath League and the Wolverhampton Combination, which played its games on Saturdays both fold, while the Bilston Junior Youth League has also blown its final whistle.

In its heyday the Wolverhampton Sunday League boasted 120 clubs and even had a waiting list. This season saw 61 teams sign up for action across five divisions.

But Shinton, who has been involved with the league for 40 years, and fellow committee members – Simon Perks, Phil Reade, Ian Ebblewhite, Wayne Harrison, Eddie Yardley, Howard Morris and Phil Taylor – are ready to tackle the challenge head on. They are hoping to introduce a youth league in a bid to provide a route through to senior football.

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"We are very proud to celebrate 60 years," said Shinton. "It's a great achievement and one we should be proud of. I have been involved with the league for 40 years, refereeing and then on the committee as treasurer and then, for the last four years, chairman.

"At one time we didn't have any money but now we have money but can't get the teams. That's a concern for us going forward.

"We are half the size we used to be. We had 120 sides at one point and a waiting list. We started this season with 61. That's the way things have changed. There is no Saturday morning football in Wolverhampton anymore. Who would have thought that would happen?

"The Bilston League had 14 divisions a few years ago and now the league has finished.

"For this season we tried to introduce a women's league and a veterans' league but we had no response to either. It's the same for leagues all over the country. Every league is suffering and losing teams.

"But we a very well-run league and we have always had a good committee. And we are up for the challenge and the fight to get more people playing local league football. One of the things we are looking at is introducing a youth league next season. We have contacted Birmingham County FA and they have given us permission to do it. Ideally we would like teams at under-13, 14, 15 and 16 and then they can go to open age football. We have got to start promoting it and see what interest we can generate."

Shinton believes the league has plenty to offer and he is open to any suggestions on how to check the problem of falling playing numbers.

"The league has some of the best facilities in the country," he added. "The park facilities in the area are brilliant.

"Some of the Birmingham Leagues don't have changing rooms, players still have to change in their cars on the car parks.

"We don't let sides play without changing rooms and showers. That side of things is set up really well.

"We have also got plenty of referees. A few years back we got to the stage where we had enough referees to put neutral linesmen on the line in the Premier Division. We look after our referees really well.

Involved

"As a committee we are constantly looking at new ways of getting people involved and teams on board," he added.

"At a recent league meeting we asked clubs to put suggestions forward and if they want to they can come to our next committee meeting and talk through their ideas.

"We are open to any ideas and we will try to put them into action if we think they are good enough.

"But it's not just football that's losing numbers. We sit on the Wolverhampton Sports Council and other sports are suffering. The athletics club start losing people when they reach 18 and it's the same with hockey clubs."

Shinton's determination to build on the league's rich history is obvious and hopefully there will be plenty more years of action on the parks in and around Wolverhampton.

"It's not all doom and gloom, the commitment is there from all our committee," he said.

"And as long as I have got breath, I will be fighting to get more teams on board to keep the league going," he added.

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Doreen provides the laughs at league's 60 year celebration

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Coleman in impressive ring debut

TROI 'The Hawk' Coleman made an impressive ring debut on a night to forget for Tyler Denny.

Burntwood fighter Coleman can be pleased with his first foray into the pro game having made the switch from the unlicensed scene, beating the teak-tough Louis Van Poetsch at Walsall Town Hall last Saturday night

Fellow Burntwood boxer Dani Hodges made it two wins on the bounce since switching from kickboxing as she overcame Poland's Sonia Klos.



Denny's injuries

Denny suffered heartbreak, though, after a nasty facial injury ended his hopes of winning the English middleweight title.

Denny had a deep gash to his lip, and a badly swollen eye when referee Terry O'Connor sought the views of the ring-side doctor for a second time midway through the eighth round. The fight was waved off giving Leeds' Reece Cartwright the belt. It was the first defeat of 27-year-old Rowley Regis fighter Denny's career.

Wolverhampton debutant Conah Walker stole the show on the undercard to the BCB Promotions show. The Ricky Hatton youngster blew away Jan Korec, securing a fourth round stoppage.

Walsall duo James Beech Jr and Levi Ferguson both cruised to victory over Simas Volosinas and Jordan Grannum respectively whilst Oldbury's Ryan 'Stewart' Davis beat Jamie Quinn in six rounds.

BCB Promotions are next in Walsall on October 27.

Scholars are given mountain to climb

Chasetown 0 Market Drayton 2

CHASETOWN could not recover from the mountain they gave themselves to climb after conceding two first-half goals to Market Drayton Town in Northern One West.

The Scholars created a host of early chances, but fell behind in the 22nd minute.

A Danny Cocks free-kick was cleared by the visitors, who broke quickly and Desean Martin fired low past Curtis Pond. A minute later, the same player made it 2-0.

Pond made an error outside his area and Martin rolled the ball into an empty net.

The Scholars were denied a penalty at the start of the second half when Jake Lovatt was sent tumbling in the box, but the strong appeals were waved away.

And, when Cocks was sandwiched between two defenders and knocked to the ground, the spot-kick appeals were again waved away.

Chasetown have two home matches to come, against Clitheroe on Saturday and Atherton Collieries next Tuesday.

Kurt races to best result of season



Kurt Wigley at Silverstone. *Ian Ward*

HEDNESFORD racer Kurt Wigley came away with his best results to date at round nine of the British Superbikes championship.

Riders had to race around the shorter national circuit, but it made little difference to the 22-year-old.

As officials investigated the surface, which collected pools of water and forced the premiere class race meeting to be abandoned, racing instead took place around the 1.6-mile track. Kurt found himself back in 17th on the opening lap. But after tagging on to the back of one group, he moved on to another and finished the second race in sixth.

Twin brother Matt finished 17th in the second race, following some great battling further down the pack, having retired from the opening race. Josh Hiatt, 15, from Heath Hayes, racing in the British Motostar standard class under the same Sorrymate.com banner, also suffered bad luck following a freak crash.

At Oulton Park in Cheshire, in their next outing, Kurt finished 14th and 13th in the British Supersport class. Matt came 15th in the first race but failed to finish the second.

Hiatt bounced back to bring his Sorrymate.com machine home in 14th and 19th in the British Motostar standard class.

ARCHER FIRES HOME DOUBLE

Rugby Town 1 Hednesford 3

HEDNESFORD Town progressed into the third qualifying round of the FA Cup thanks to three first-half goals against Rugby Town.

Lewis Archer, who is said to be attracting interest from West Bromwich Albion, netted twice.

The Pitmen's progress earned them £9,000 in prize money and an away tie at Kettering in the third qualifying round on October 6.

The Pitmen almost went ahead in the 18th minute as striker Dan Cockerline bustled his way through the defence before curling in an effort against the post from the edge of the box.

Three minutes later, Matt Curley got down the right and his cross in was headed over by Archer. But the forward did open the scoring the 23rd minute, dribbling across the penalty area and firing home into the bottom corner.

Spilled

Two minutes later, the home side were level when Hednesford goalkeeper Josef Bursik spilled a cross and Richard Blythe pounced to score low into the bottom corner.

The Pitmen went back ahead in the 31st minute when Joe Fitzpatrick won the ball in midfield and fed Cockerline, and the striker was able to clinically finish low into the bottom corner.

Hednesford extended their lead three minutes later as Fitzpatrick again did well to pick out Archer, who swept home a first-time effort past Matthew Hill in the Rugby goal.

Hednesford had to play the final 10 minutes with 10 men as Josh Craddock went off injured and all three subs had been used.

Pitmen host Marine in the league on Saturday, 3pm kick off and then travel to Grantham next Tuesday night. The home clash with Buxton, scheduled for Tuesday, but rearranged due to Buxton being involved a cup replay, will take place on October 23. The Workington fixture, scheduled for October 6, has not been rearanged.

Top five finish? It's a stroll



Burntwood Strollers beat the favourites on penalties to finish fifth in the WFA National Cup

BURNTWOOD Strollers can claim to have the fifth best over-60s walking football team in the country.

The side finished fifth on the WFA National Cup, winning two of its four games but missing out on the last four on goal difference.

They then beat favourites Manchester Corinthians on penalties in a fifth/sixth place decider.

Strollers were formed nearly three years ago and run teams at over-50s and over-60s. They play at Burntwood Leisure Centre every Tuesday and Friday, from 1-2pm, attracting around 25 players to each session.

Shelley back to form after injury blow

LLOYD Shelley put his injury problems behind to reclaim the Formula 600 class title lead during the penultimate round at Darley Moor.

The Burntwood ace had been out of action – and work – for three months suffering with sciatica in his back.

But he showed no rustiness to claim two class victories as well as giving the 1000cc-powered bike a run for their money on his smaller 600cc machine.

Round six of the Darley Moor Motor Cycle Road Race Club Championship kept the marshals and officials busy due to several incidents and red-flags to stop racing whilst the track was made safe.

Ben Scranage took victory in the All-comers non-championship race, ahead of Shelley, who finished fourth in the first Peak Cup race and then enjoyed a race-long battle with Richard Elgin in the second to finish third. Shelley recorded victory in both Formula 600 races leaving him top of the standings.

Neil Lloyd's weekend, however, did not quite go to plan as he suffered fuelling problems on his usually-reliable Honda RVF in the Lightweight class, but the Wednesbury rider still came away with two top-five finishes.

Anthony Eades and Wolverhampton's Keith Box lead Open Sidecars class, with Willenhall's McCauley Longmore top of the Formula 125 class. Dudley's Mark Cockerton has a lot to do to make up the 20 points needed to catch Chris Moore in the Classic 350 class. The final round is on October 7.

Average visitors hit only goal of game

Heath Hayes 0 Chelmsley Town 1

HEATH Hayes again struggled to find the elusive goal that would have earned them a point against an average Chelmsley Town side.

Although showing an improvement on previous weeks and with the inclusion of Jack Elcock, Hayes still struggled to put any pressure on the visiting keeper.

Chemsley took the lead on 30 minutes when Hayes failed to clear a corner, allowing David Jones an easy header from four yards out.

On Tuesday, Brocton were visiting the Coppice Ground for the league cup and on Saturday, Hayes visit Paget.

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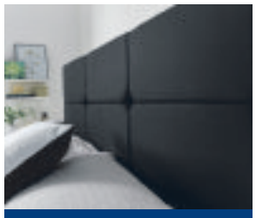
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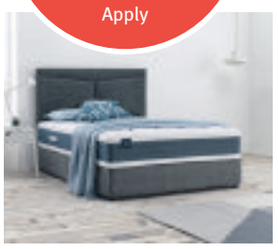
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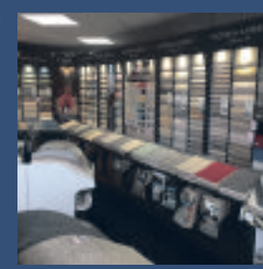
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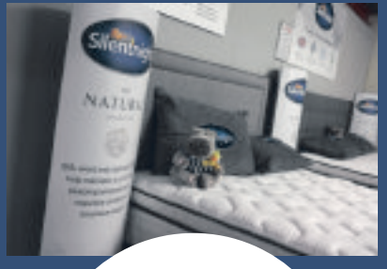
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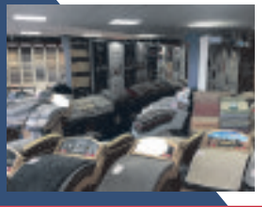
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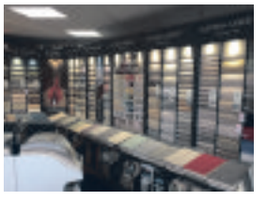












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